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Port of Liverpool, England

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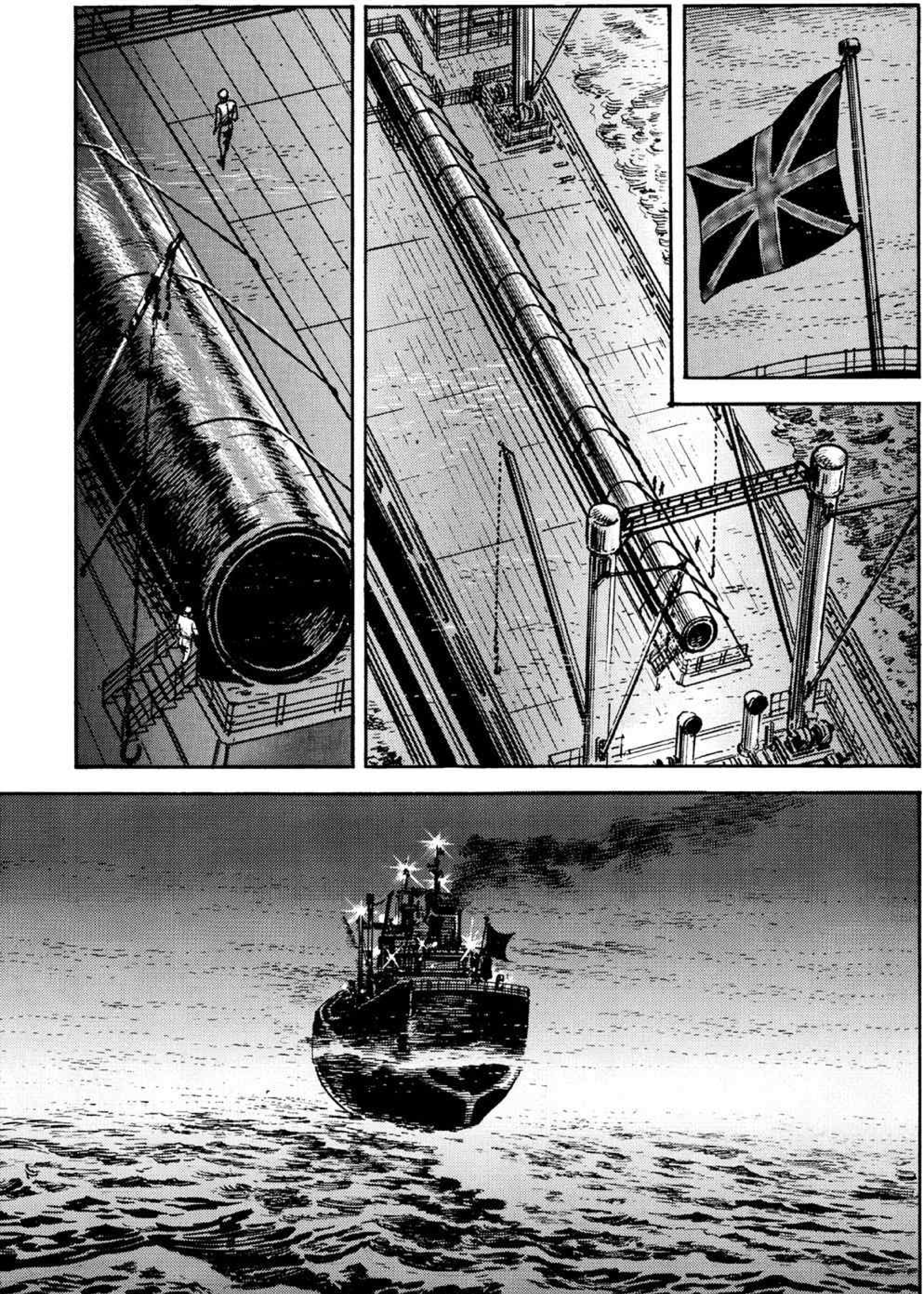

THE GUN AT AM SHARA

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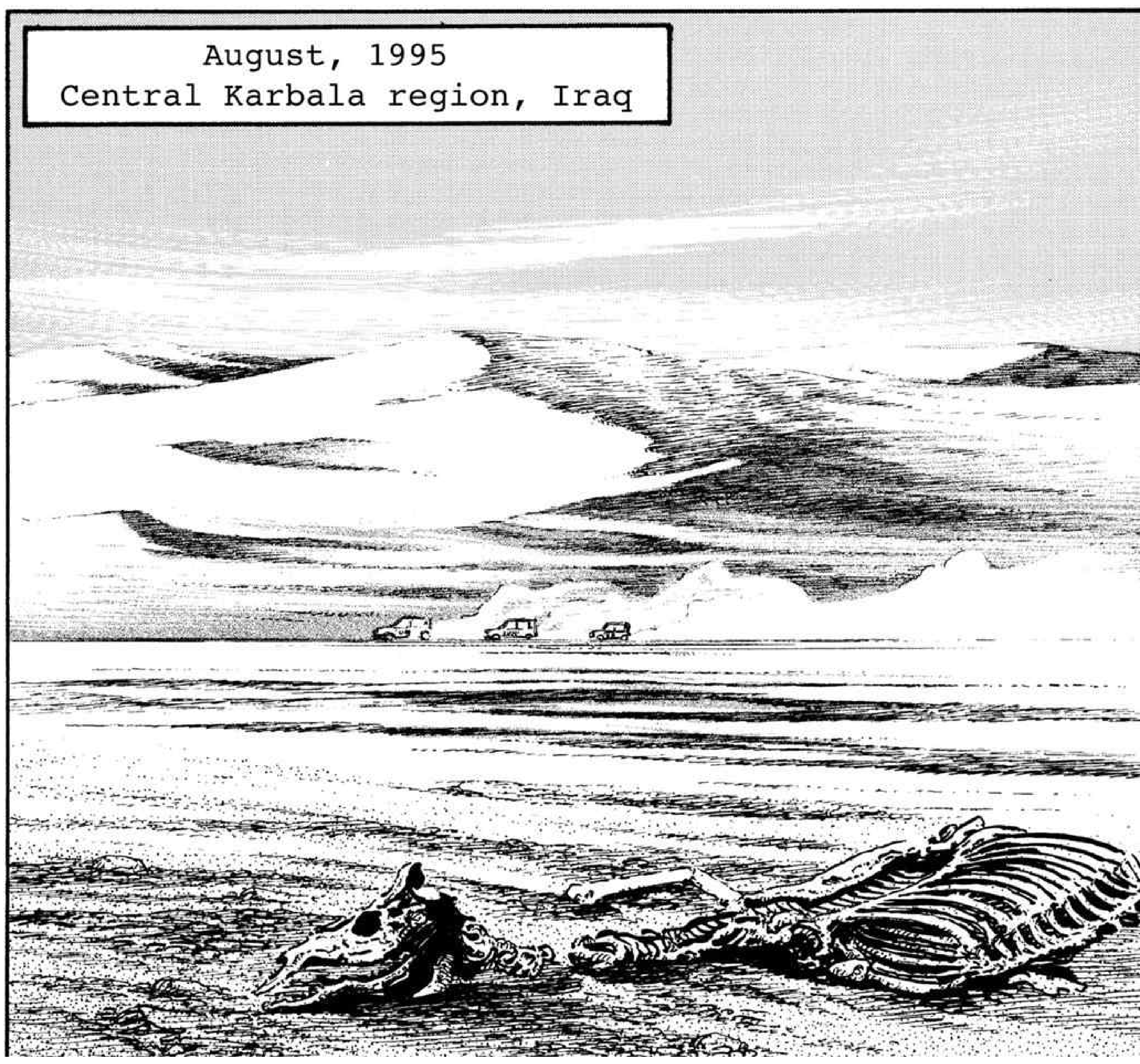
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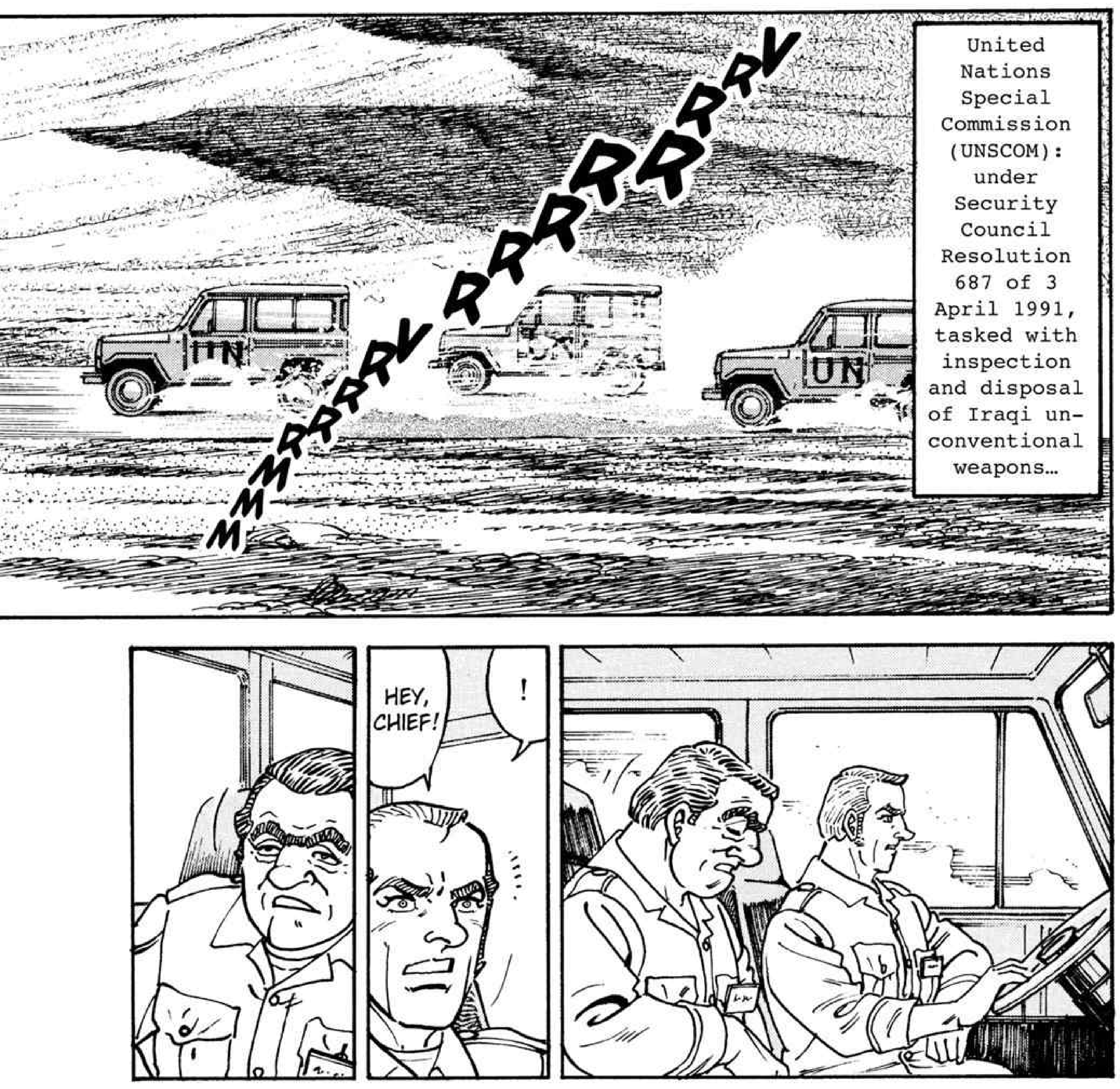
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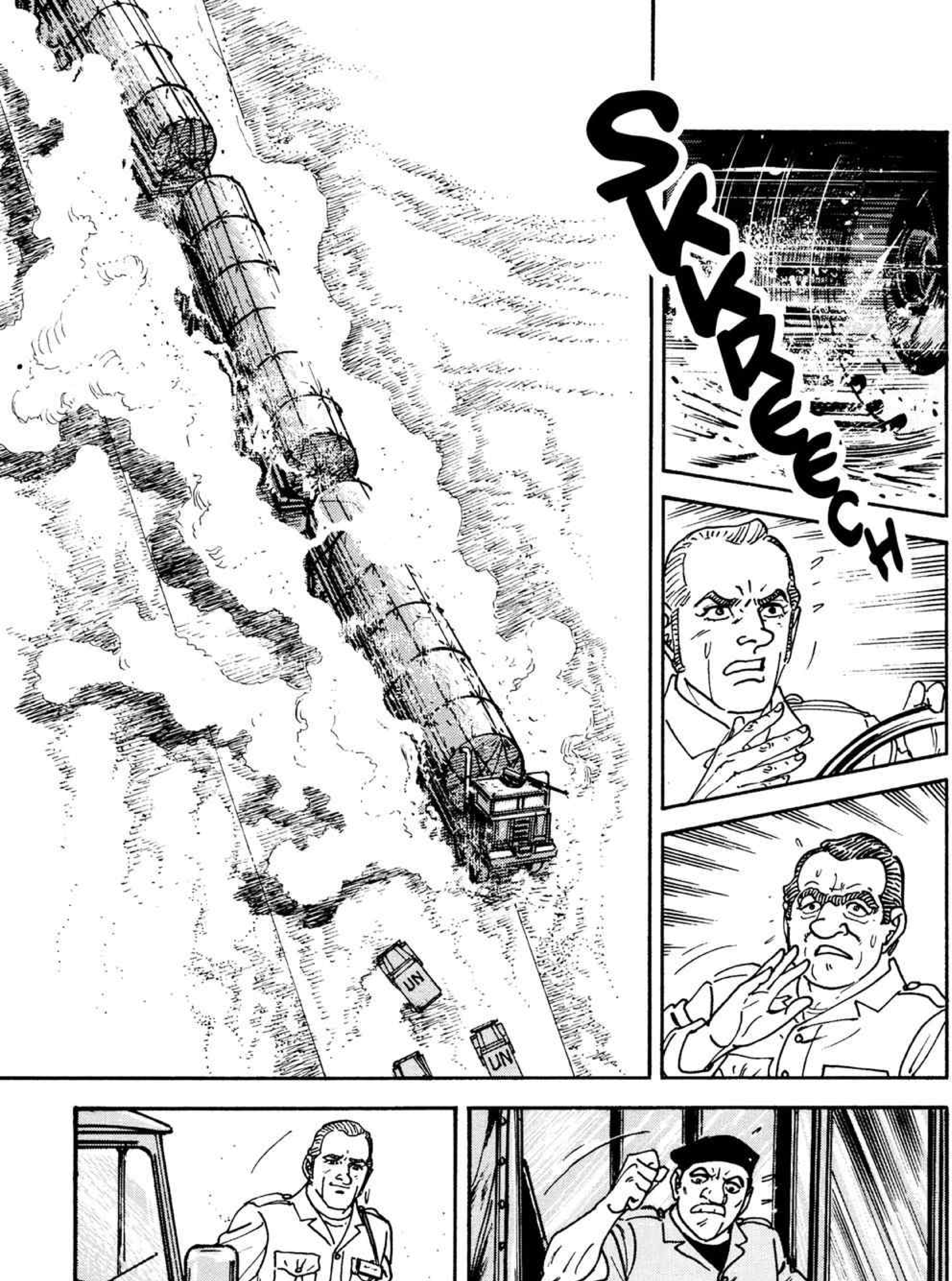
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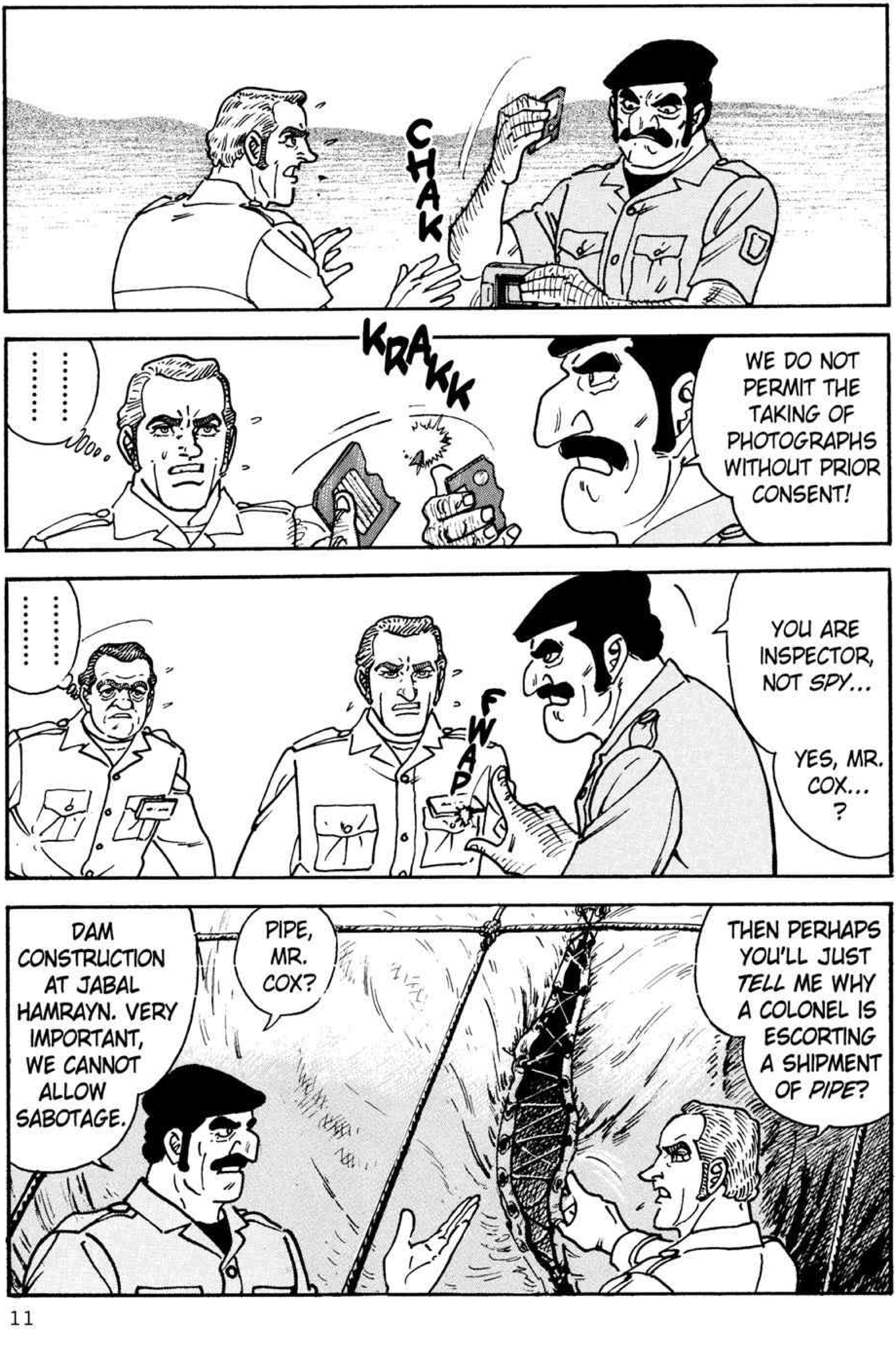
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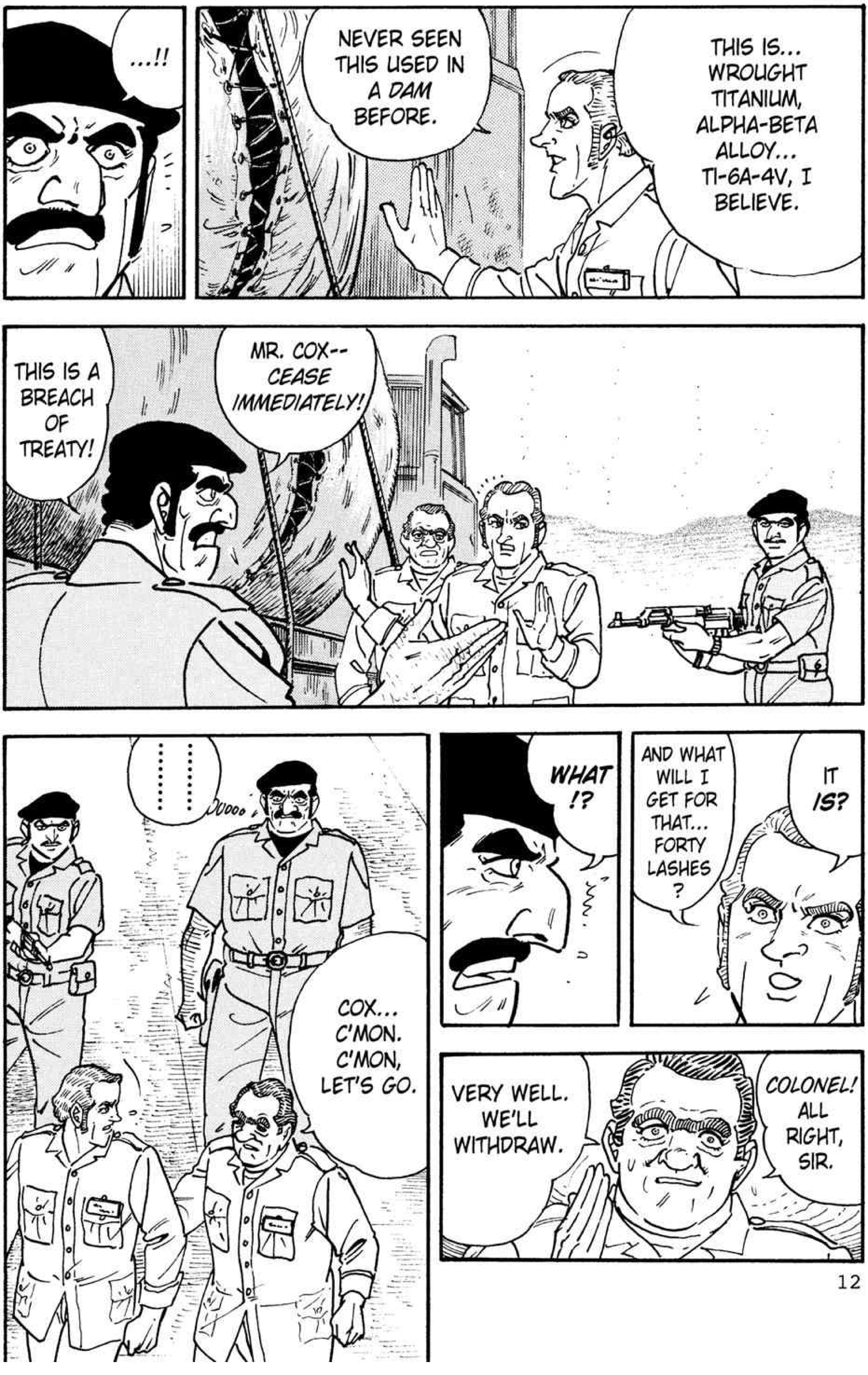
WE DO NOT PERMIT THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT!
......
YOU ARE INSPECTOR, NOT *SPY*...
YES, MR. COX... ?
FWAP
......
THEN PERHAPS YOU'LL JUST *TELL* ME WHY A COLONEL IS ESCORTING A SHIPMENT OF *PIPE*?
PIPE, MR. COX?
DAM CONSTRUCTION AT JABAL HAMRAYN. VERY IMPORTANT, WE CANNOT ALLOW SABOTAGE.


THIS IS... WROUGHT TITANIUM, ALPHA-BETA ALLOY... TI-6A-4V, I BELIEVE.
NEVER SEEN THIS USED IN A *DAM* BEFORE.
...!!
MR. COX-- CEASE IMMEDIATELY!
THIS IS A BREACH OF TREATY!
IT *IS?*
AND WHAT WILL I GET FOR THAT... FORTY LASHES?
WHAT!?
COLONEL! ALL RIGHT, SIR.
VERY WELL. WE'LL WITHDRAW.
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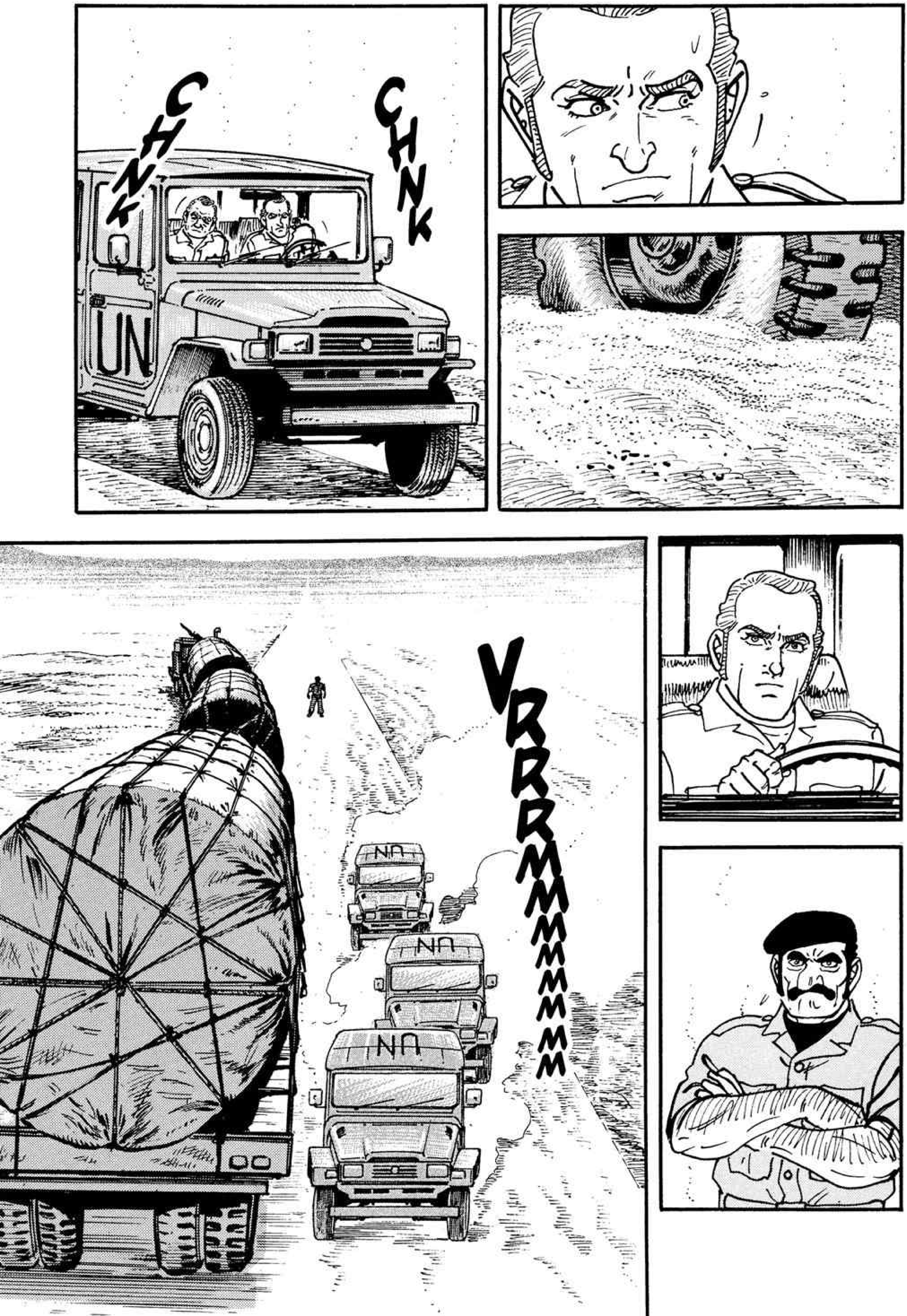
COX... C'MON. C'MON, LET'S GO.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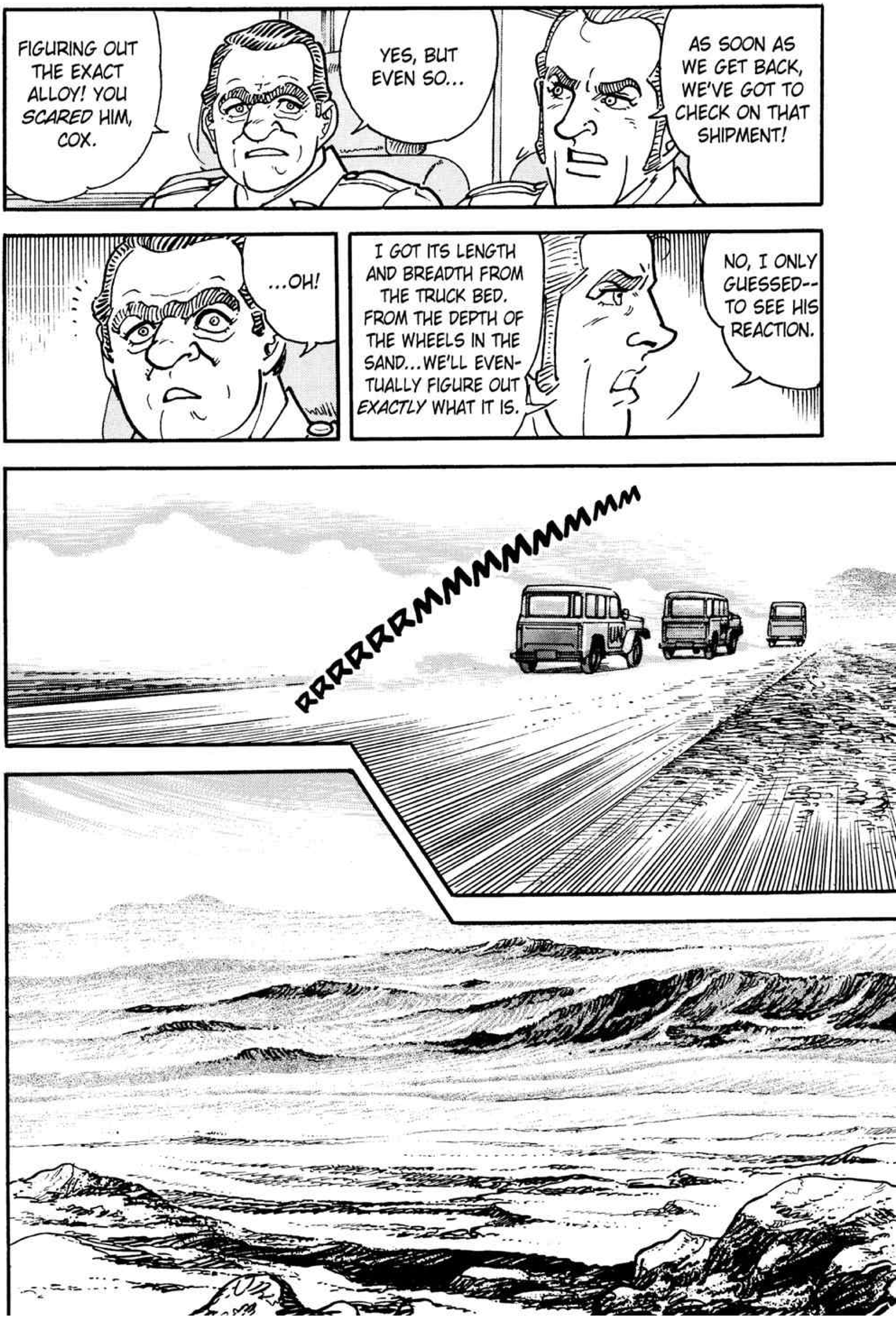
FIGURING OUT THE EXACT ALLOY! YOU *SCARED* HIM, COX.
YES, BUT EVEN SO...
AS SOON AS WE GET BACK, WE'VE GOT TO CHECK ON THAT SHIPMENT!
...OH!
I GOT ITS LENGTH AND BREADTH FROM THE TRUCK BED. FROM THE DEPTH OF THE WHEELS IN THE SAND...WE'LL EVENTUALLY FIGURE OUT *EXACTLY* WHAT IT IS.
NO, I ONLY GUESSED-- TO SEE HIS REACTION.
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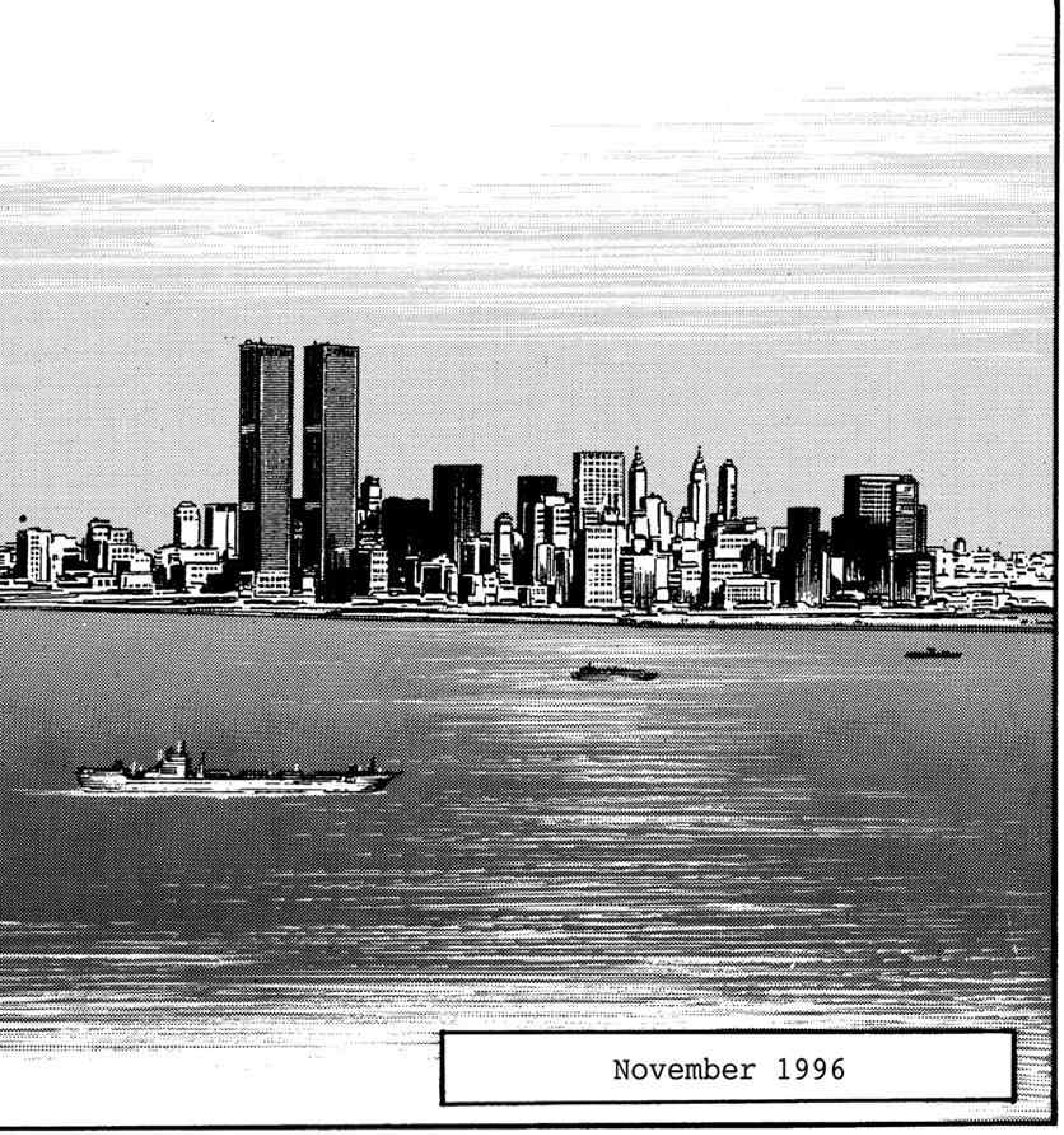
REFLECTION ANGLE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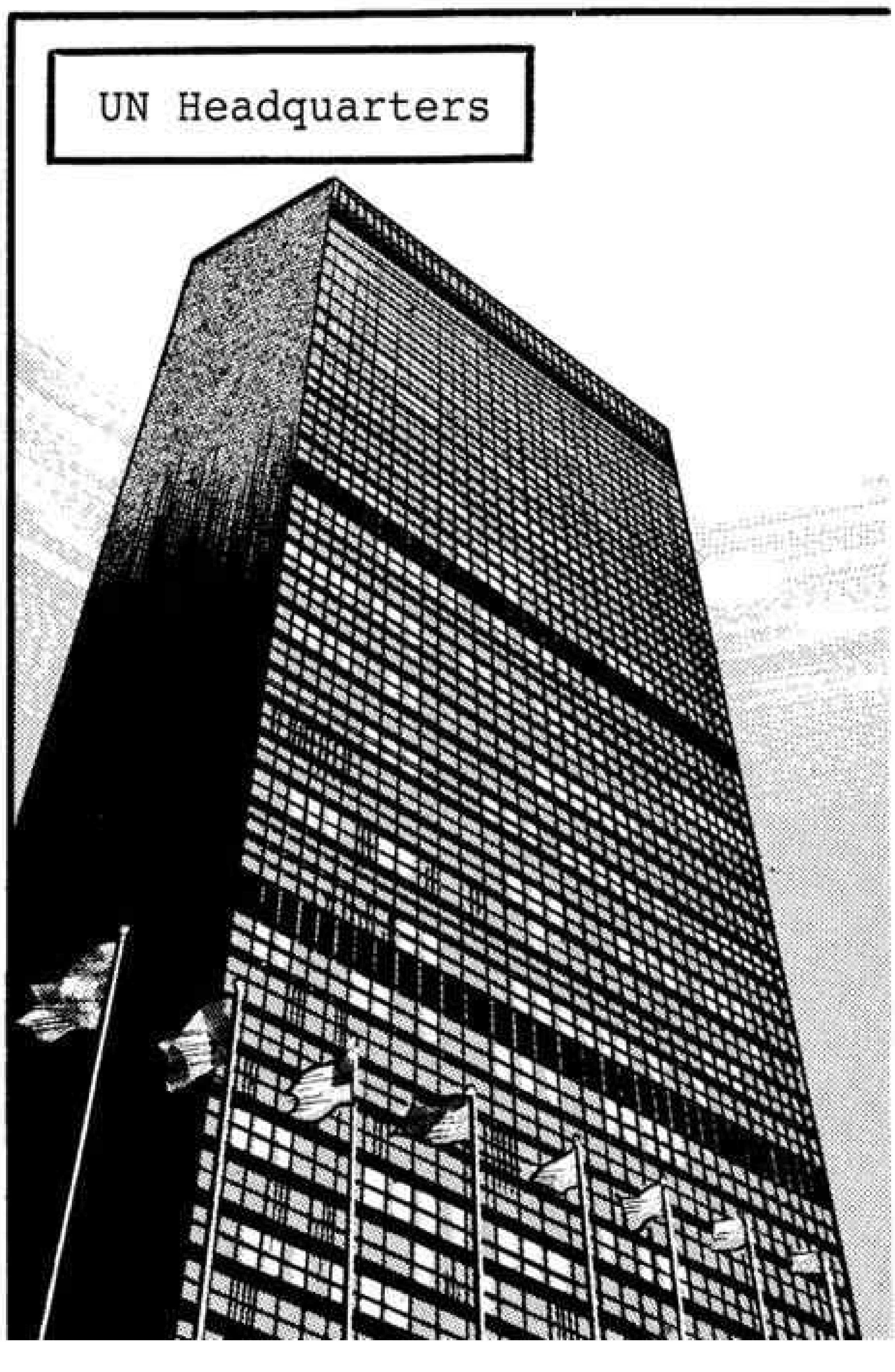
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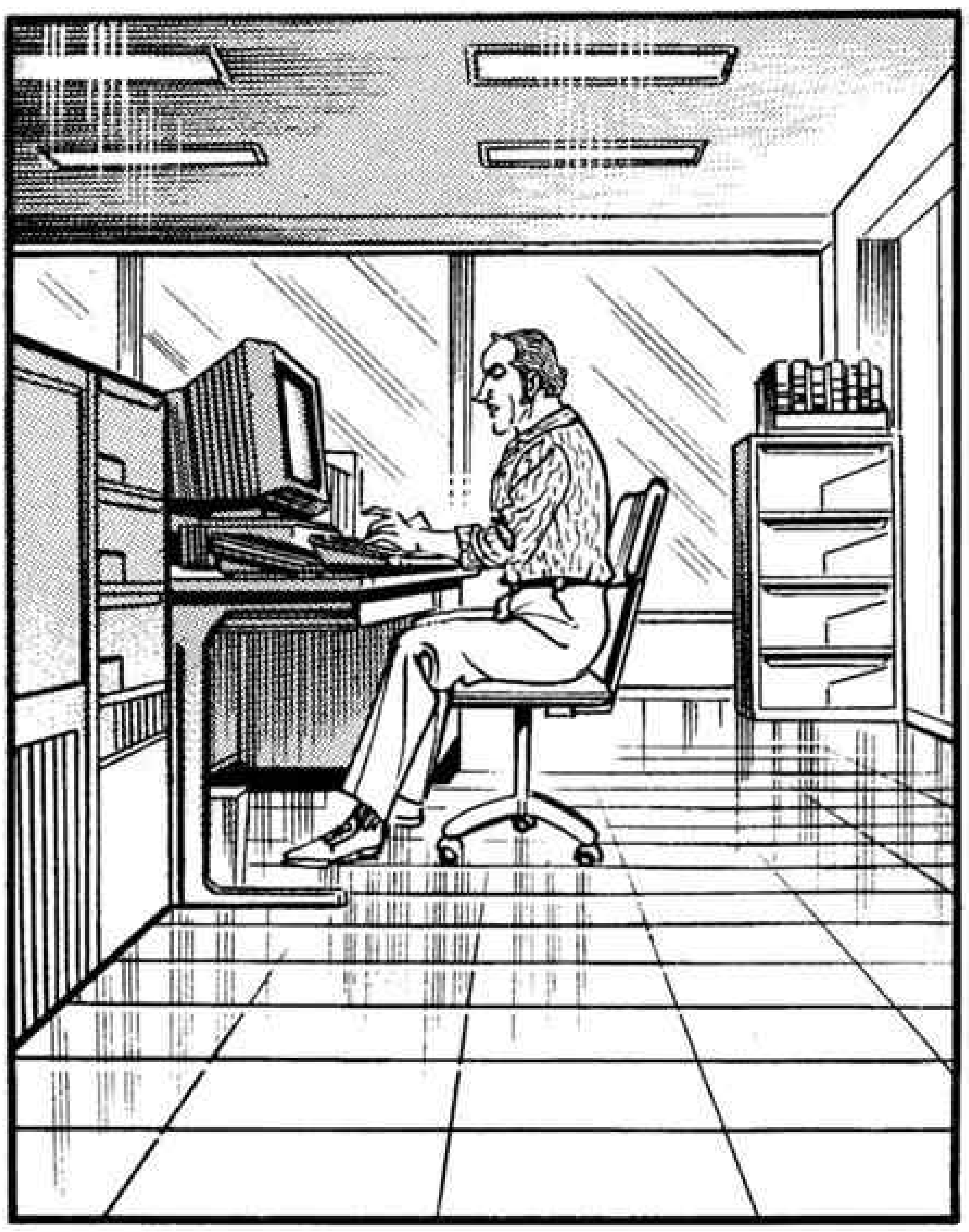
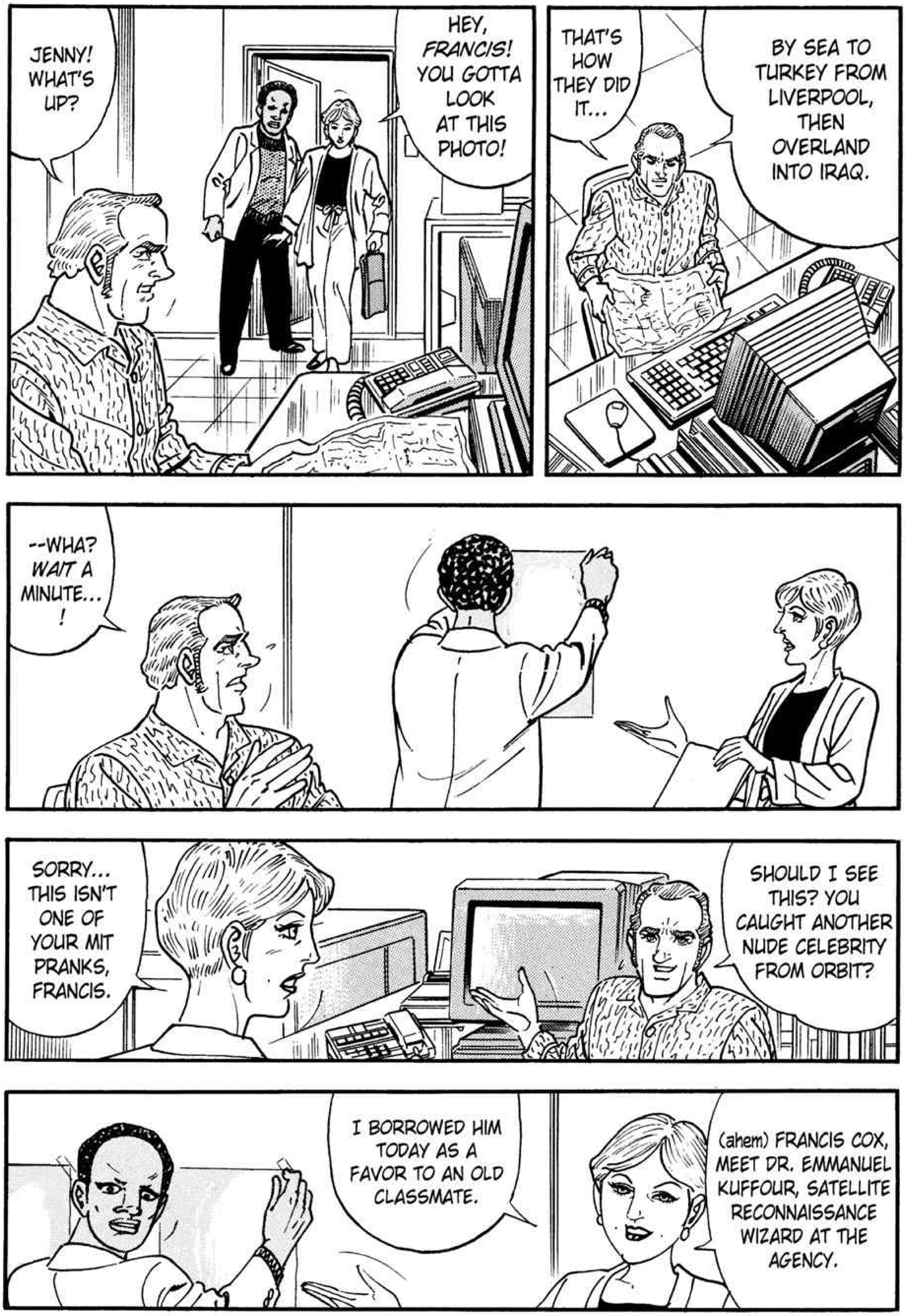
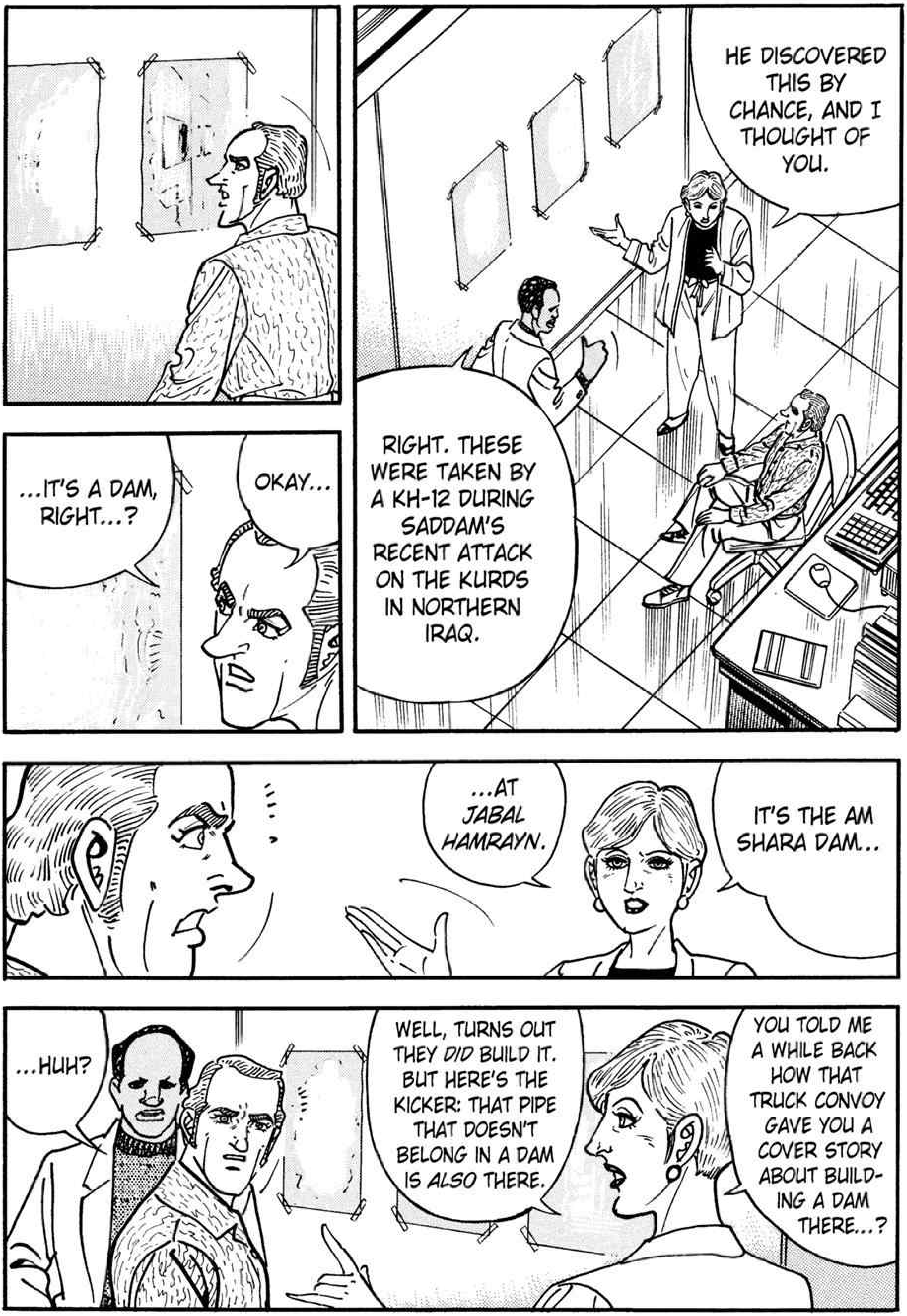
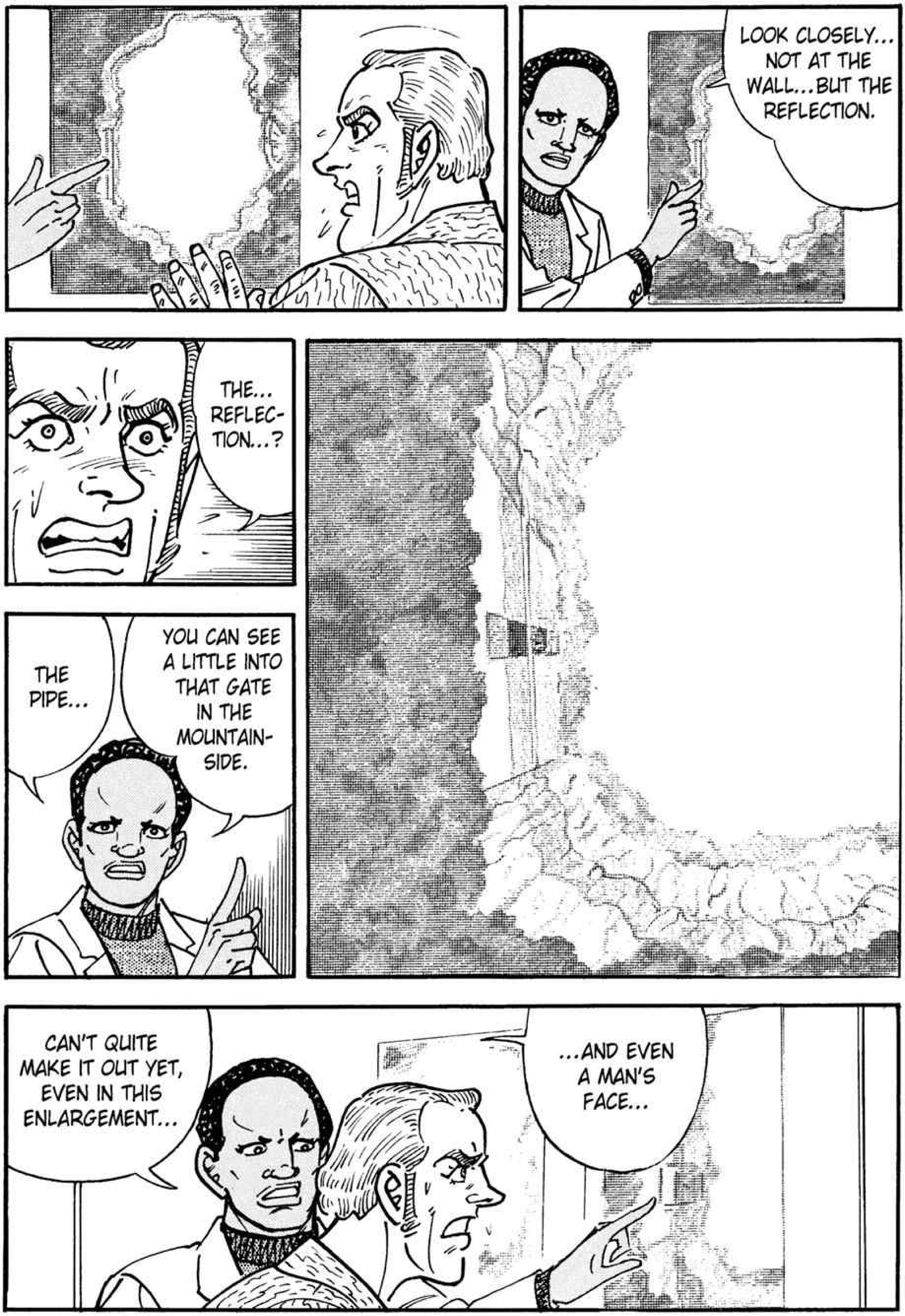
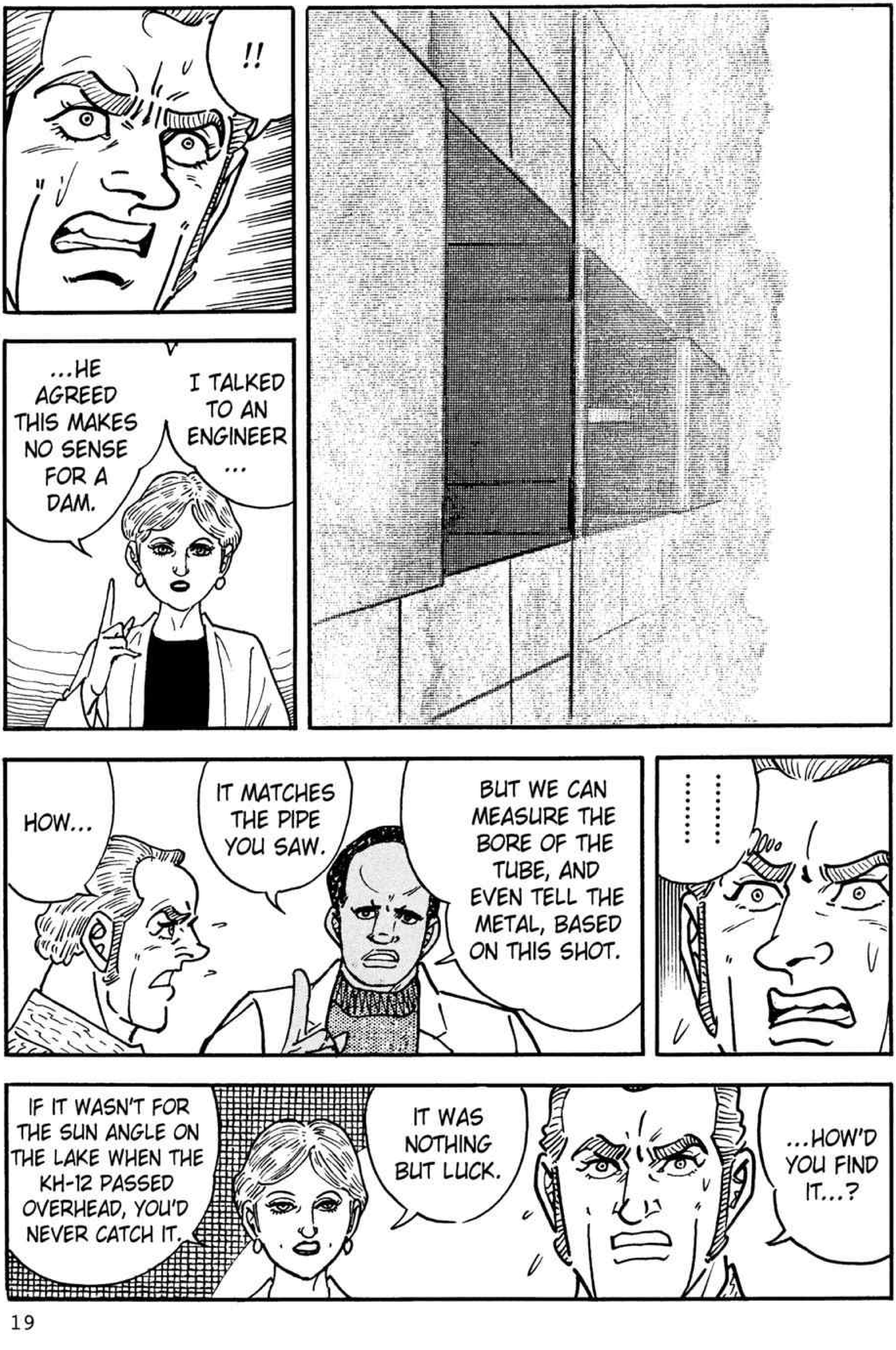



JENNY! WHAT'S UP?
HEY, *FRANCIS!* YOU GOTTA LOOK AT THIS PHOTO!
THAT'S HOW THEY DID IT…
BY SEA TO TURKEY FROM LIVERPOOL, THEN OVERLAND INTO IRAQ.
--WHA? *WAIT* A MINUTE… !
SHOULD I SEE THIS? YOU CAUGHT ANOTHER NUDE CELEBRITY FROM ORBIT?
SORRY… THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR MIT PRANKS, FRANCIS.
(ahem) FRANCIS COX, MEET DR. EMMANUEL KUFFOUR, SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE WIZARD AT THE AGENCY.
I BORROWED HIM TODAY AS A FAVOR TO AN OLD CLASSMATE.


HE DISCOVERED THIS BY CHANCE, AND I THOUGHT OF YOU.
RIGHT. THESE WERE TAKEN BY A KH-12 DURING SADDAM'S RECENT ATTACK ON THE KURDS IN NORTHERN IRAQ.
OKAY...
...IT'S A DAM, RIGHT...?
IT'S THE AM SHARA DAM...
...AT *JABAL HAMRAYN*.
...
YOU TOLD ME A WHILE BACK HOW THAT TRUCK CONVOY GAVE YOU A COVER STORY ABOUT BUILDING A DAM THERE...?
WELL, TURNS OUT THEY *DID* BUILD IT. BUT HERE'S THE KICKER: THAT PIPE THAT DOESN'T BELONG IN A DAM IS *ALSO* THERE.
...HUH?


LOOK CLOSELY... NOT AT THE WALL...BUT THE REFLECTION.
THE... REFLECTION...?
YOU CAN SEE A LITTLE INTO THAT GATE IN THE MOUNTAINSIDE.
THE PIPE...
...AND EVEN A MAN'S FACE...
CAN'T QUITE MAKE IT OUT YET, EVEN IN THIS ENLARGEMENT...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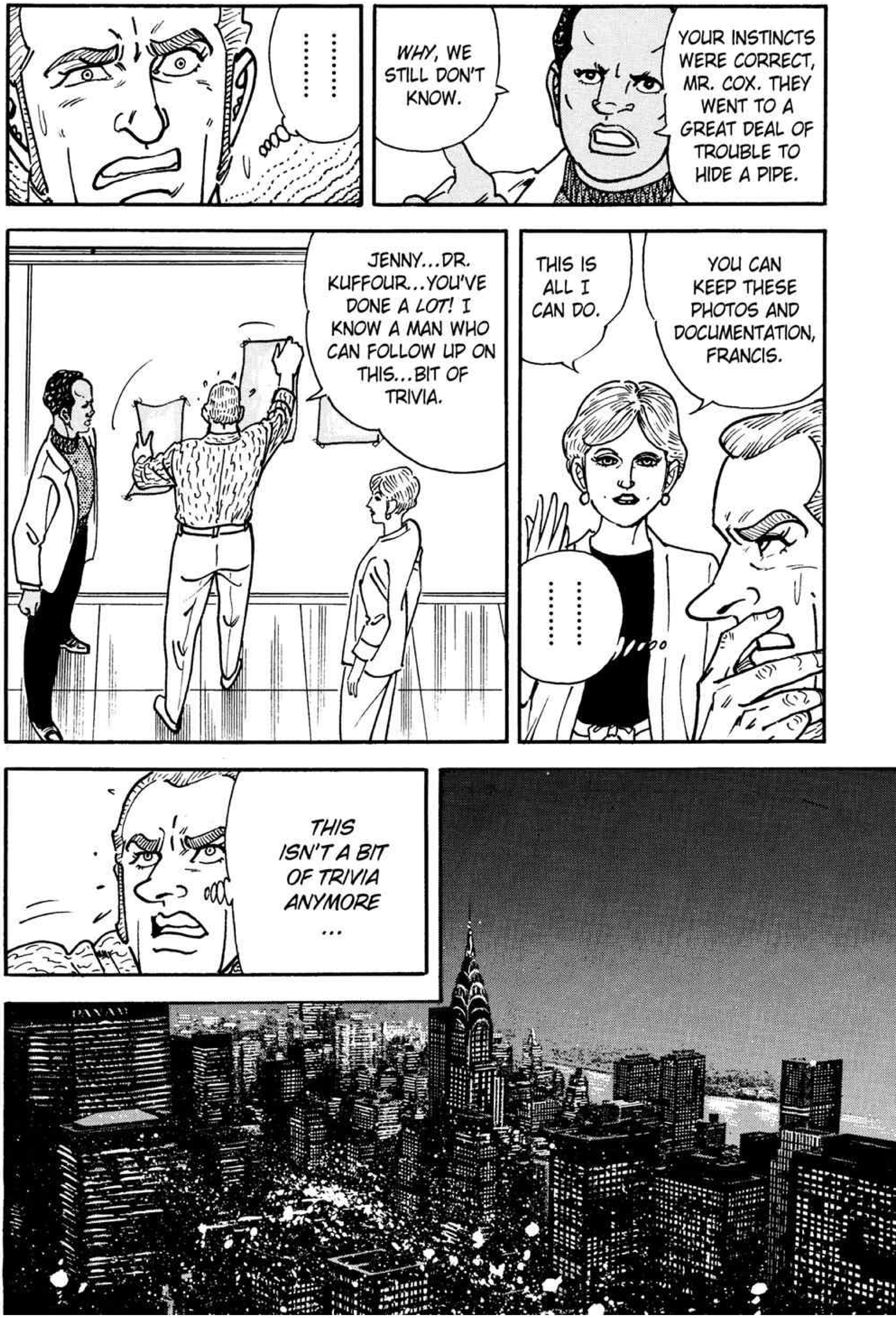
I TALKED TO AN ENGINEER...
...HE AGREED THIS MAKES NO SENSE FOR A DAM.
......
BUT WE CAN MEASURE THE BORE OF THE TUBE, AND EVEN TELL THE METAL, BASED ON THIS SHOT.
IT MATCHES THE PIPE YOU SAW.
HOW...
...HOW'D YOU FIND IT...?
IT WAS NOTHING BUT LUCK.
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SUN ANGLE ON THE LAKE WHEN THE KH-12 PASSED OVERHEAD, YOU'D NEVER CATCH IT.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YOUR INSTINCTS WERE CORRECT, MR. COX. THEY WENT TO A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE TO HIDE A PIPE.
WHY, WE STILL DON'T KNOW.
JENNY...DR. KUFFOUR...YOU'VE DONE A *LOT*! I KNOW A MAN WHO CAN FOLLOW UP ON THIS...BIT OF TRIVIA.
YOU CAN KEEP THESE PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTATION, FRANCIS.
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO.
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THIS ISN'T A BIT OF TRIVIA ANYMORE ...
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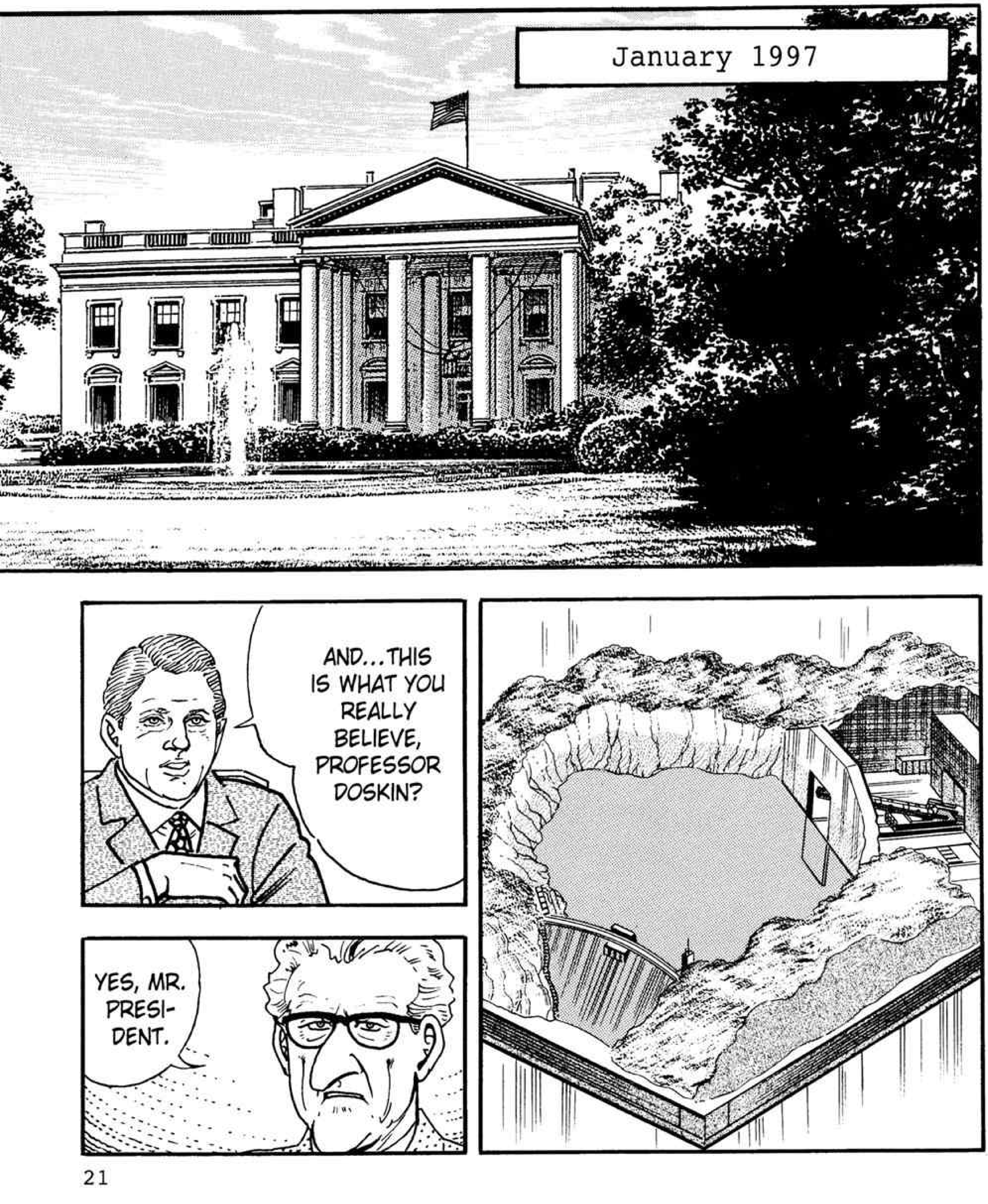
PART 3 TREMOR IN WASHINGTON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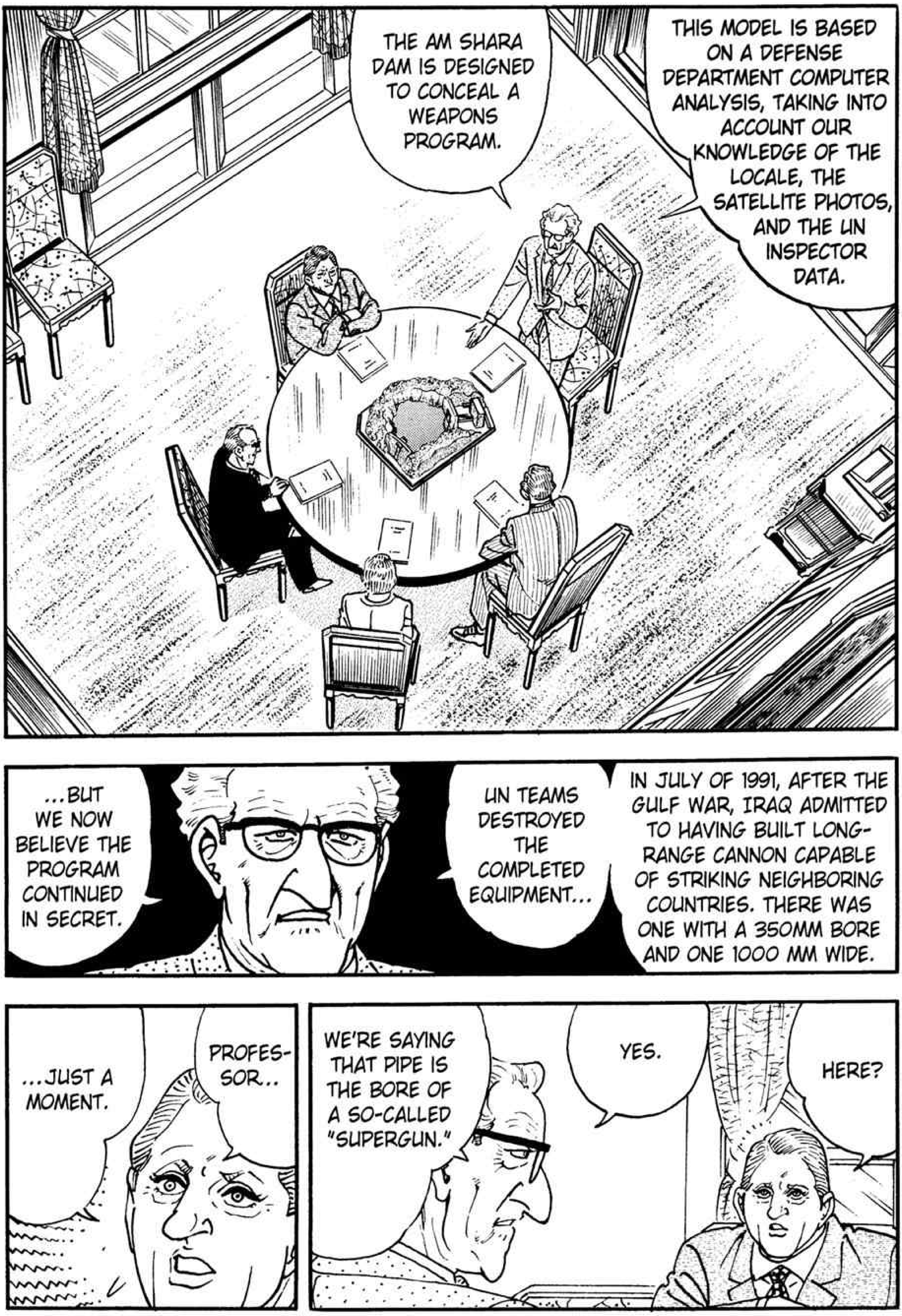
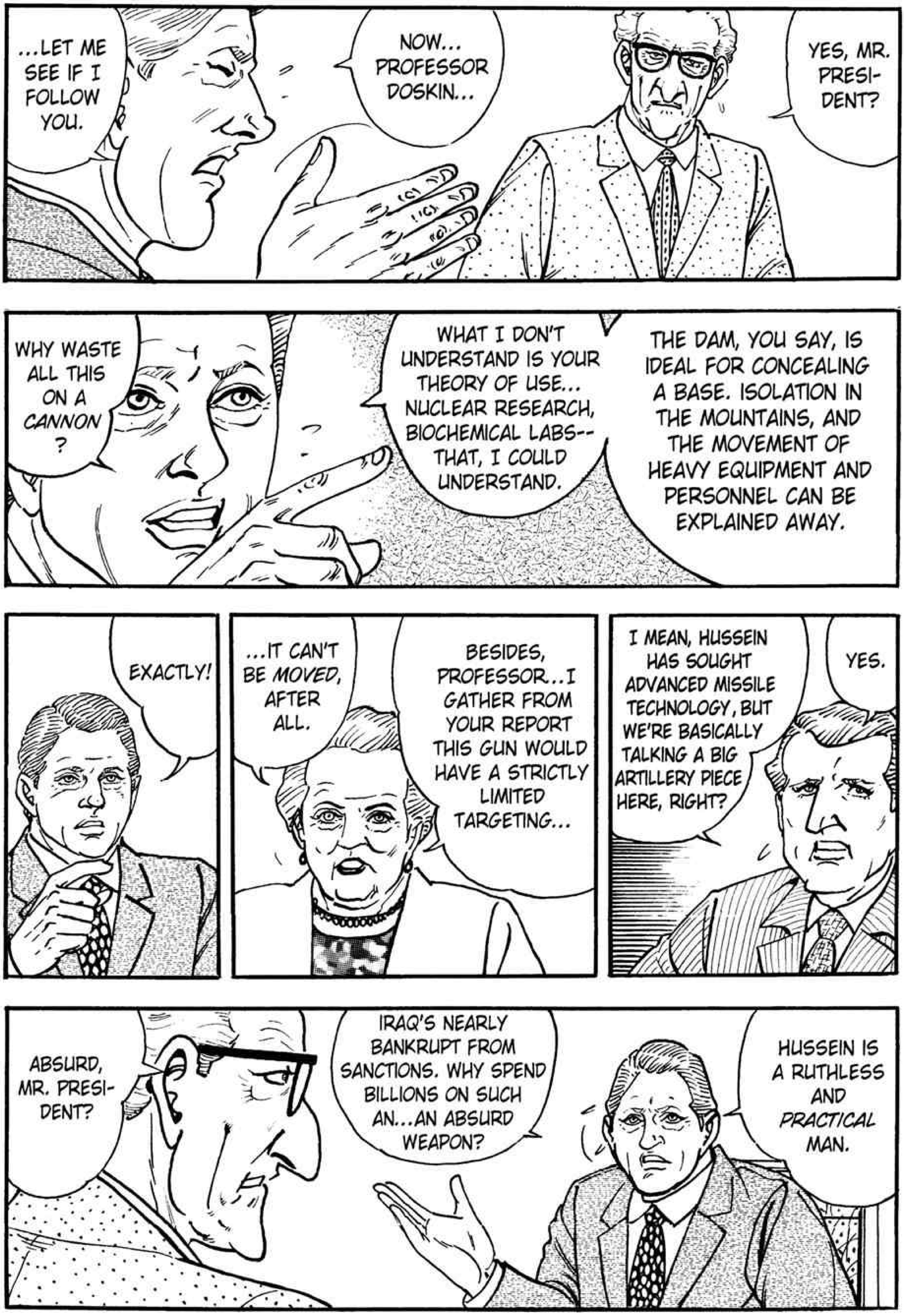
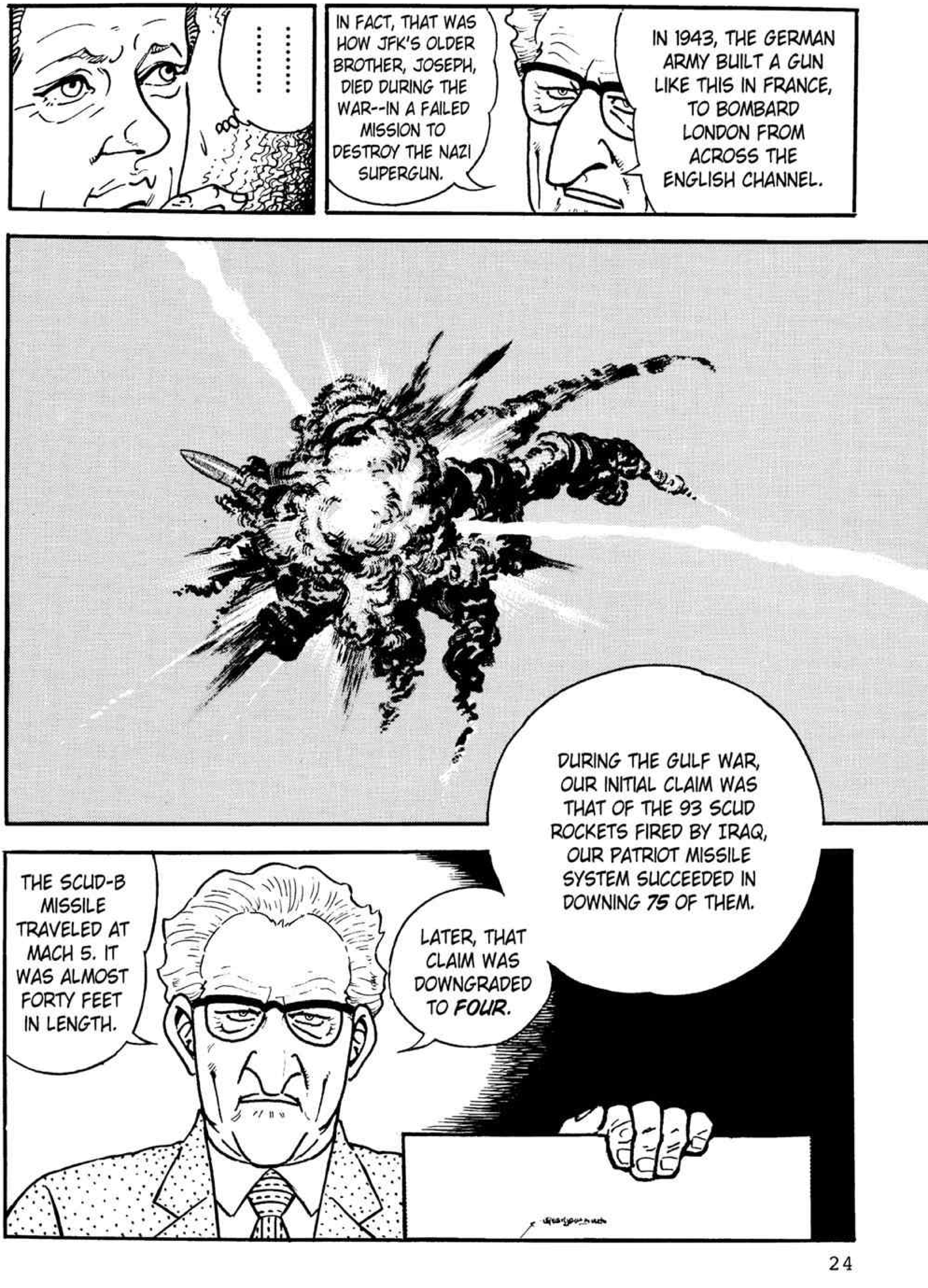
AND...THIS IS WHAT YOU REALLY BELIEVE, PROFESSOR DOSKIN?
YES, MR. PRESIDENT.


THIS MODEL IS BASED ON A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER ANALYSIS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCALE, THE SATELLITE PHOTOS, AND THE UN INSPECTOR DATA.
THE AM SHARA DAM IS DESIGNED TO CONCEAL A WEAPONS PROGRAM.
IN JULY OF 1991, AFTER THE GULF WAR, IRAQ ADMITTED TO HAVING BUILT LONG-RANGE CANNON CAPABLE OF STRIKING NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THERE WAS ONE WITH A 350MM BORE AND ONE 1000 MM WIDE.
UN TEAMS DESTROYED THE COMPLETED EQUIPMENT...
...BUT WE NOW BELIEVE THE PROGRAM CONTINUED IN SECRET.
HERE?
YES.
WE'RE SAYING THAT PIPE IS THE BORE OF A SO-CALLED "SUPERGUN."
PROFESSOR...
...JUST A MOMENT.


NOW... PROFESSOR DOSKIN...
YES, MR. PRESIDENT?
...LET ME SEE IF I FOLLOW YOU.
THE DAM, YOU SAY, IS IDEAL FOR CONCEALING A BASE. ISOLATION IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND THE MOVEMENT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL CAN BE EXPLAINED AWAY.
WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS YOUR THEORY OF USE... NUCLEAR RESEARCH, BIOCHEMICAL LABS--THAT, I COULD UNDERSTAND.
WHY WASTE ALL THIS ON A *CANNON* ?
I MEAN, HUSSEIN HAS SOUGHT ADVANCED MISSILE TECHNOLOGY, BUT WE'RE BASICALLY TALKING A BIG ARTILLERY PIECE HERE, RIGHT?
YES.
BESIDES, PROFESSOR...I GATHER FROM YOUR REPORT THIS GUN WOULD HAVE A STRICTLY LIMITED TARGETING...
...IT CAN'T BE *MOVED*, AFTER ALL.
EXACTLY!
HUSSEIN IS A RUTHLESS AND *PRACTICAL* MAN.
IRAQ'S NEARLY BANKRUPT FROM SANCTIONS. WHY SPEND BILLIONS ON SUCH AN...AN ABSURD WEAPON?
ABSURD, MR. PRESIDENT?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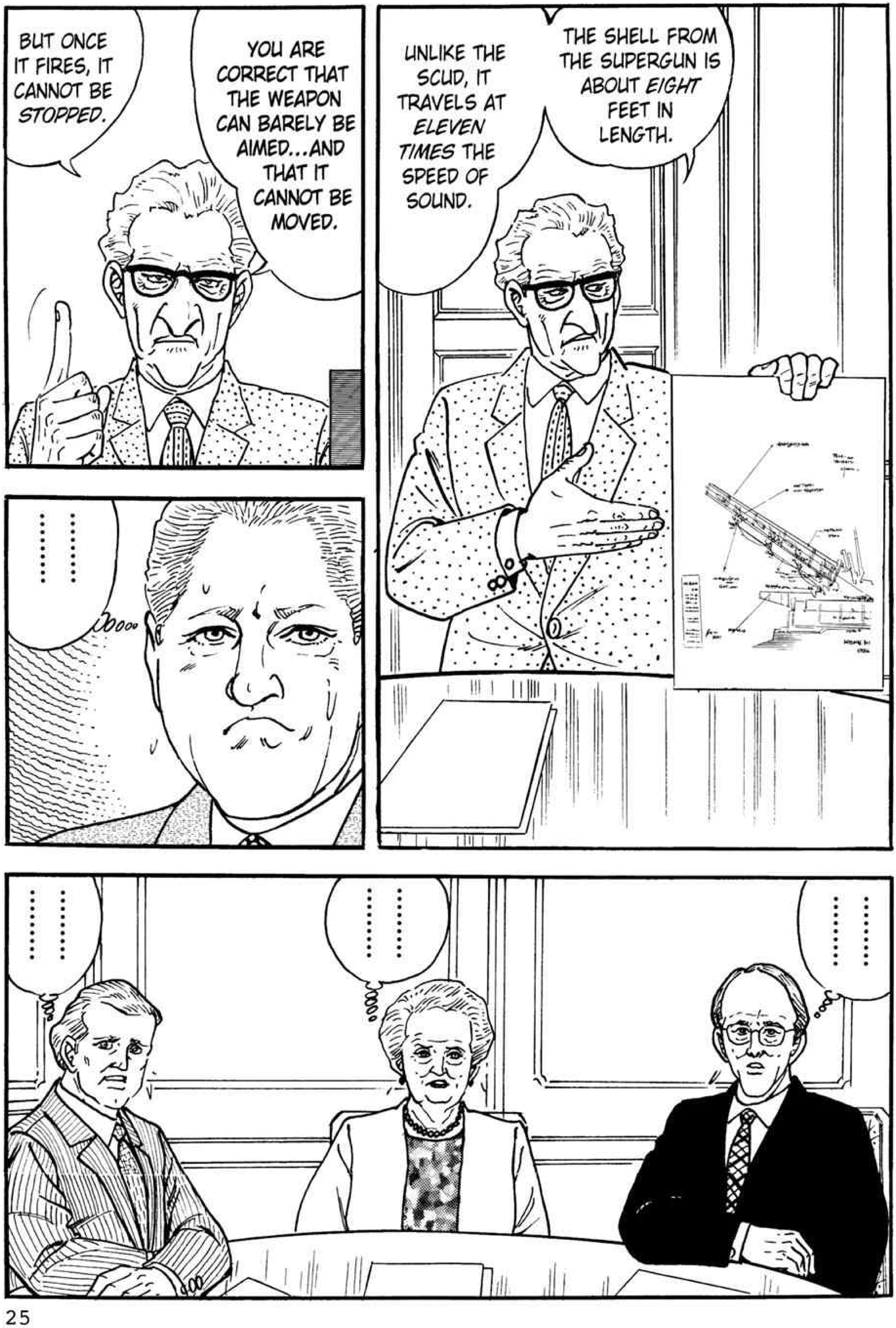
IN FACT, THAT WAS HOW JFK'S OLDER BROTHER, JOSEPH, DIED DURING THE WAR--IN A FAILED MISSION TO DESTROY THE NAZI SUPERGUN.
IN 1943, THE GERMAN ARMY BUILT A GUN LIKE THIS IN FRANCE, TO BOMBARD LONDON FROM ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
THE SCUD-B MISSILE TRAVELED AT MACH 5. IT WAS ALMOST FORTY FEET IN LENGTH.
DURING THE GULF WAR, OUR INITIAL CLAIM WAS THAT OF THE 93 SCUD ROCKETS FIRED BY IRAQ, OUR PATRIOT MISSILE SYSTEM SUCCEEDED IN DOWNING ***75*** OF THEM.
LATER, THAT CLAIM WAS DOWNGRADED TO ***FOUR***.


THE SHELL FROM THE SUPERGUN IS ABOUT *EIGHT* FEET IN LENGTH.
UNLIKE THE SCUD, IT TRAVELS AT *ELEVEN TIMES* THE SPEED OF SOUND.
YOU ARE CORRECT THAT THE WEAPON CAN BARELY BE AIMED...AND THAT IT CANNOT BE MOVED.
BUT ONCE IT FIRES, IT CANNOT BE *STOPPED*.
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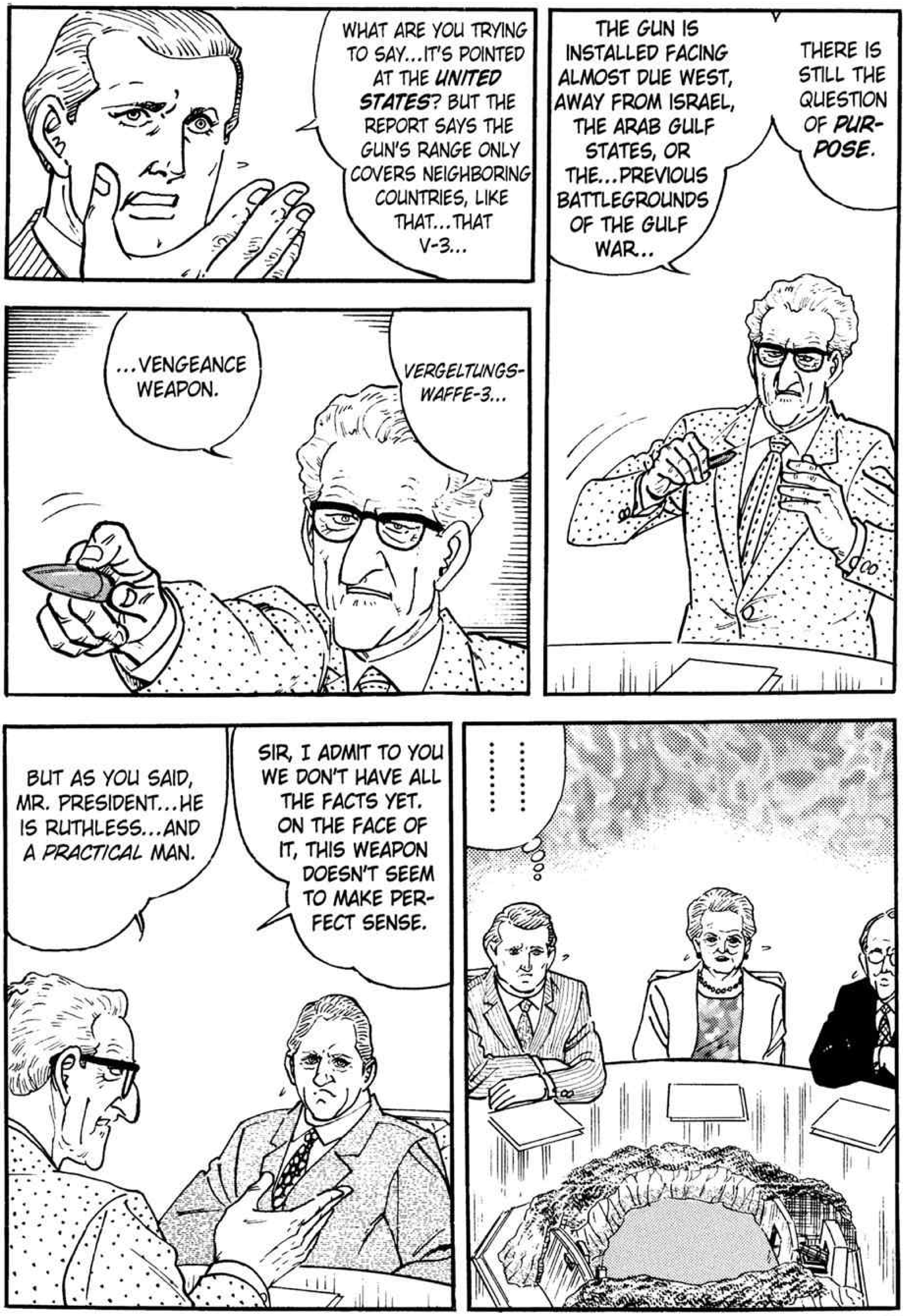
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...IT'S POINTED AT THE ***UNITED STATES***? BUT THE REPORT SAYS THE GUN'S RANGE ONLY COVERS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, LIKE THAT...THAT V-3...
THE GUN IS INSTALLED FACING ALMOST DUE WEST, AWAY FROM ISRAEL, THE ARAB GULF STATES, OR THE...PREVIOUS BATTLEGROUNDS OF THE GULF WAR...
THERE IS STILL THE QUESTION OF ***PURPOSE***.
VERGELTUNGSWAFFE-3...
...VENGEANCE WEAPON.
SIR, I ADMIT TO YOU WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE FACTS YET. ON THE FACE OF IT, THIS WEAPON DOESN'T SEEM TO MAKE PERFECT SENSE.
BUT AS YOU SAID, MR. PRESIDENT...HE IS RUTHLESS...AND A *PRACTICAL* MAN.
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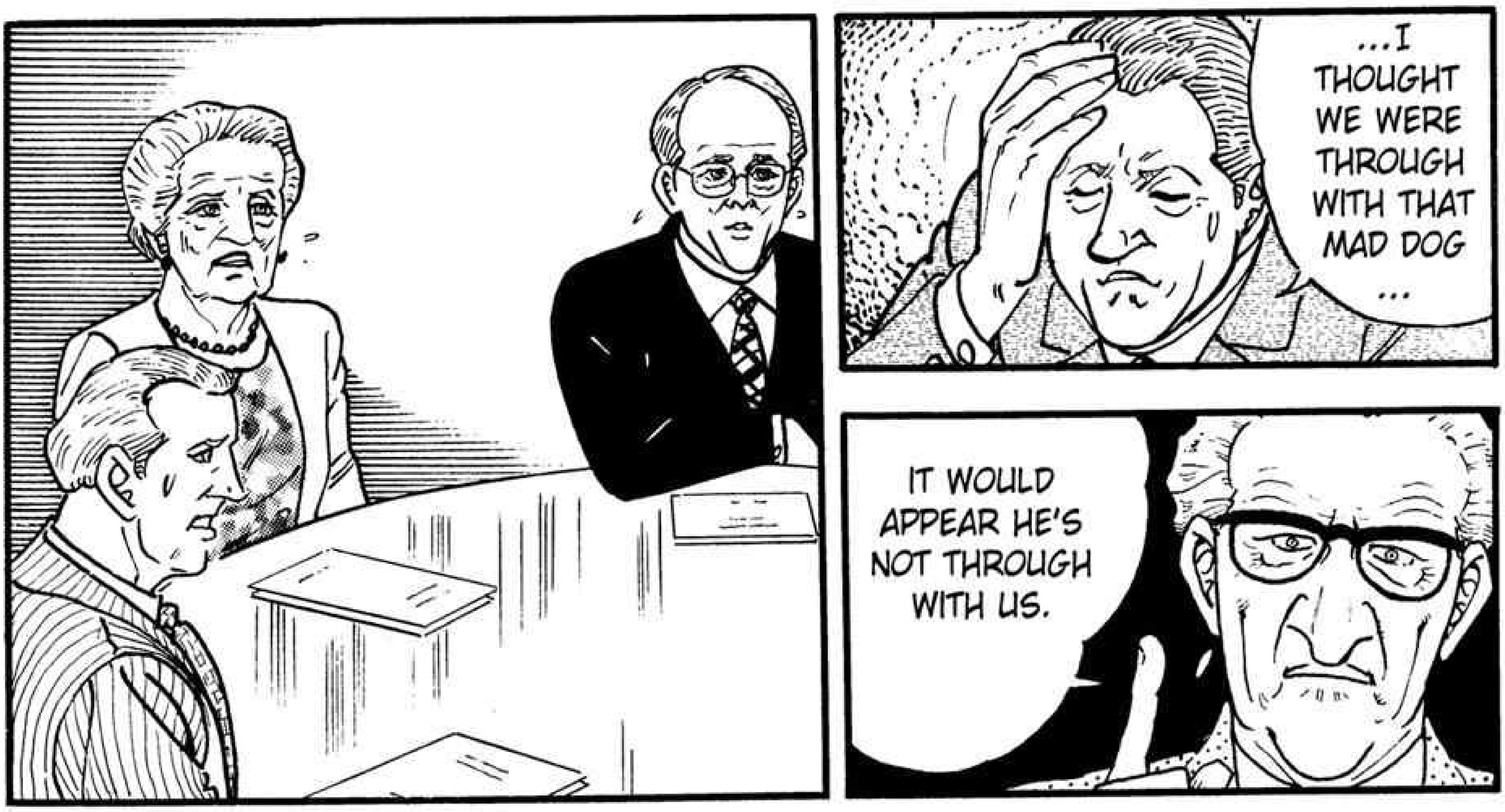
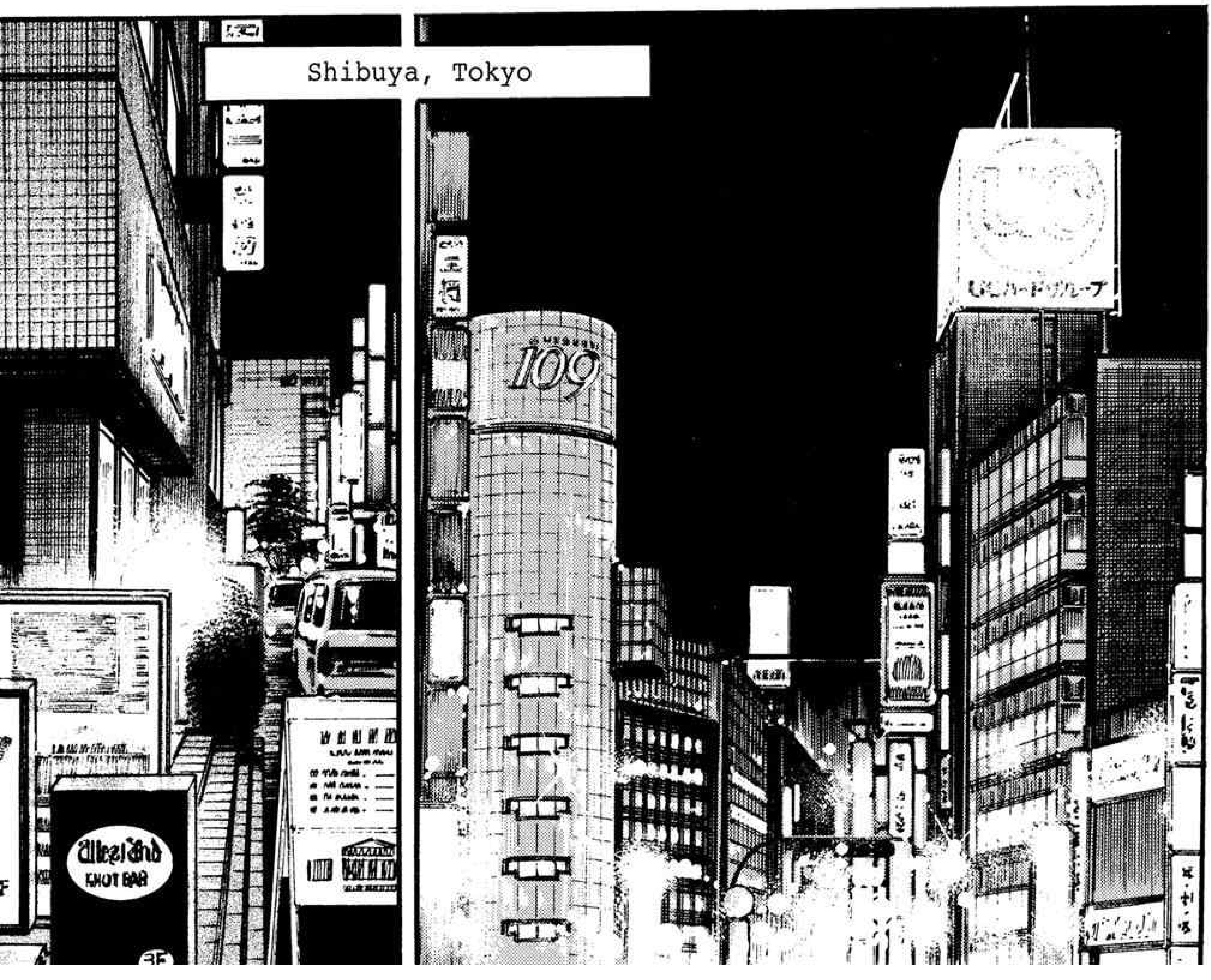

...I THOUGHT WE WERE THROUGH WITH THAT MAD DOG ...
IT WOULD APPEAR HE'S NOT THROUGH WITH US.

"...OUR MILITARY AFFAIRS EXPERT, MR. IZUMI MURAI..."

PART 4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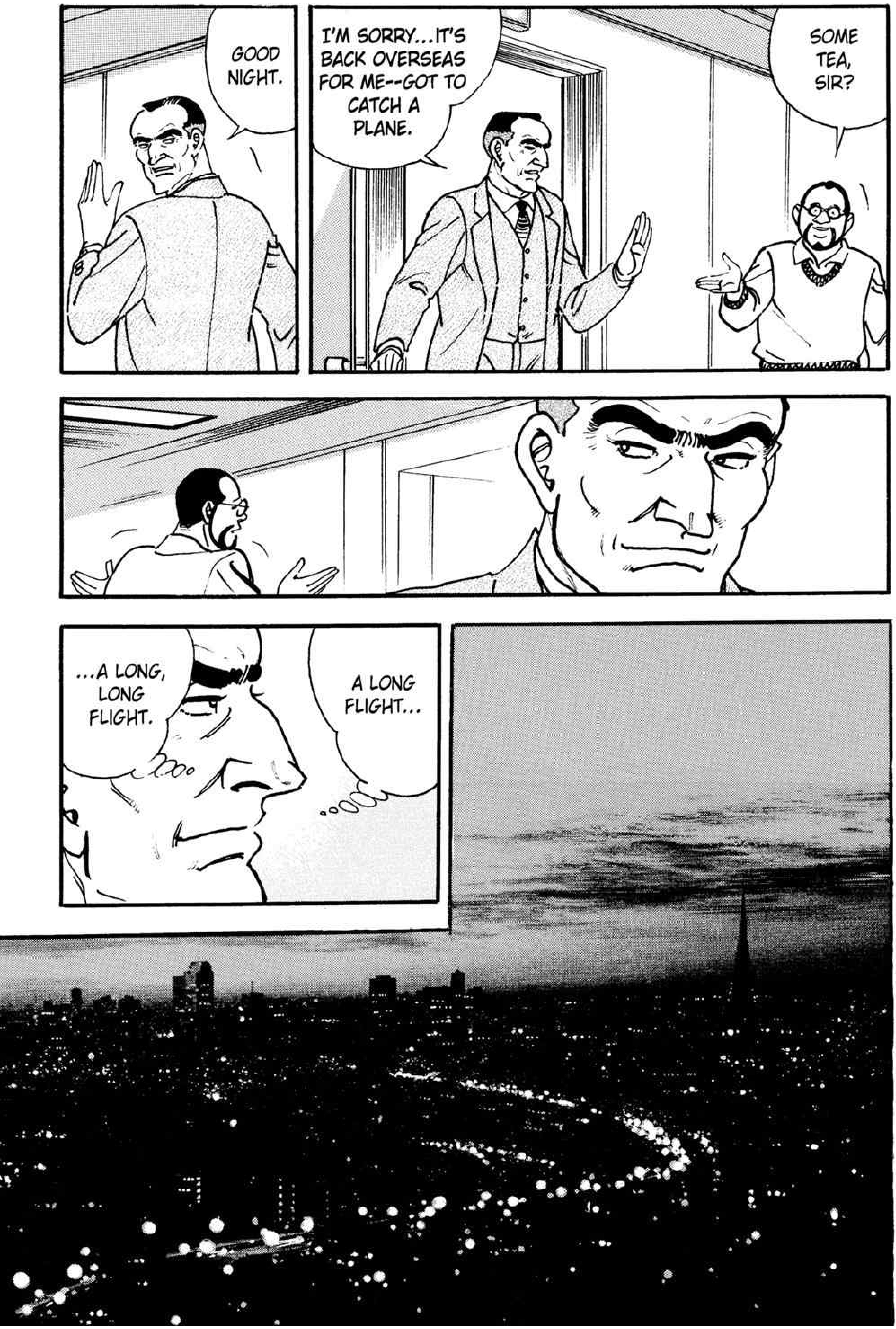
...YES--YOU SEE, EVEN HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENT, SENATOR DOLE, HAD SUPPORTED HUSSEIN IN THE PAST, AS A FORCE FOR REGIONAL STABILITY...
...SO THE STATUS QUO COULD BE MAINTAINED.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THE GUEST TONIGHT HAS BEEN ZURICH-BASED CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR MILITARY AFFAIRS EXPERT, MR. IZUMI MURAI, SHARING HIS VIEWS ON RECENT EVENTS IN IRAQ.
GOOD NIGHT, EVERYONE. WE'LL SEE YOU ON TOMORROW'S PROGRAM.


SOME TEA, SIR?
I'M SORRY...IT'S BACK OVERSEAS FOR ME--GOT TO CATCH A PLANE.
GOOD NIGHT.
A LONG FLIGHT...
...A LONG, LONG FLIGHT.

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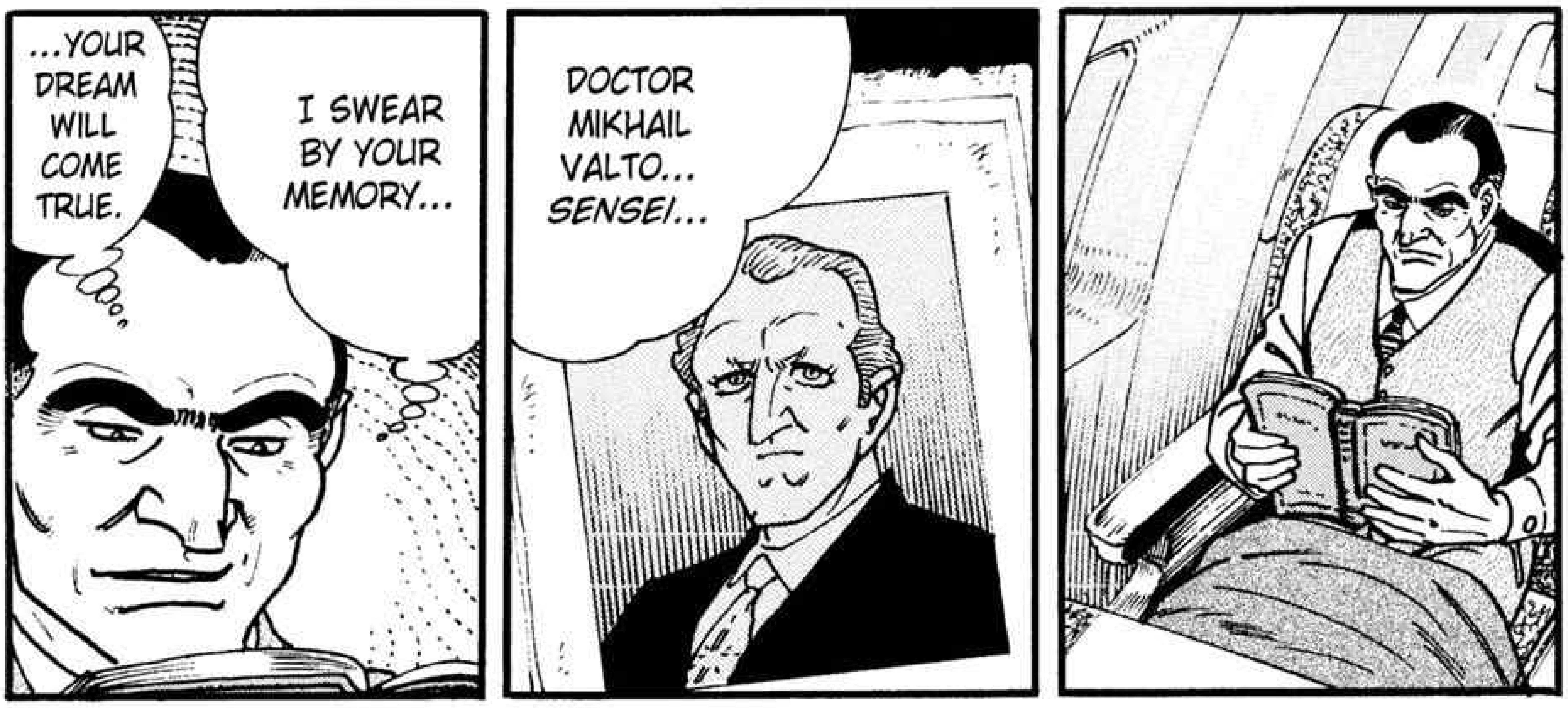
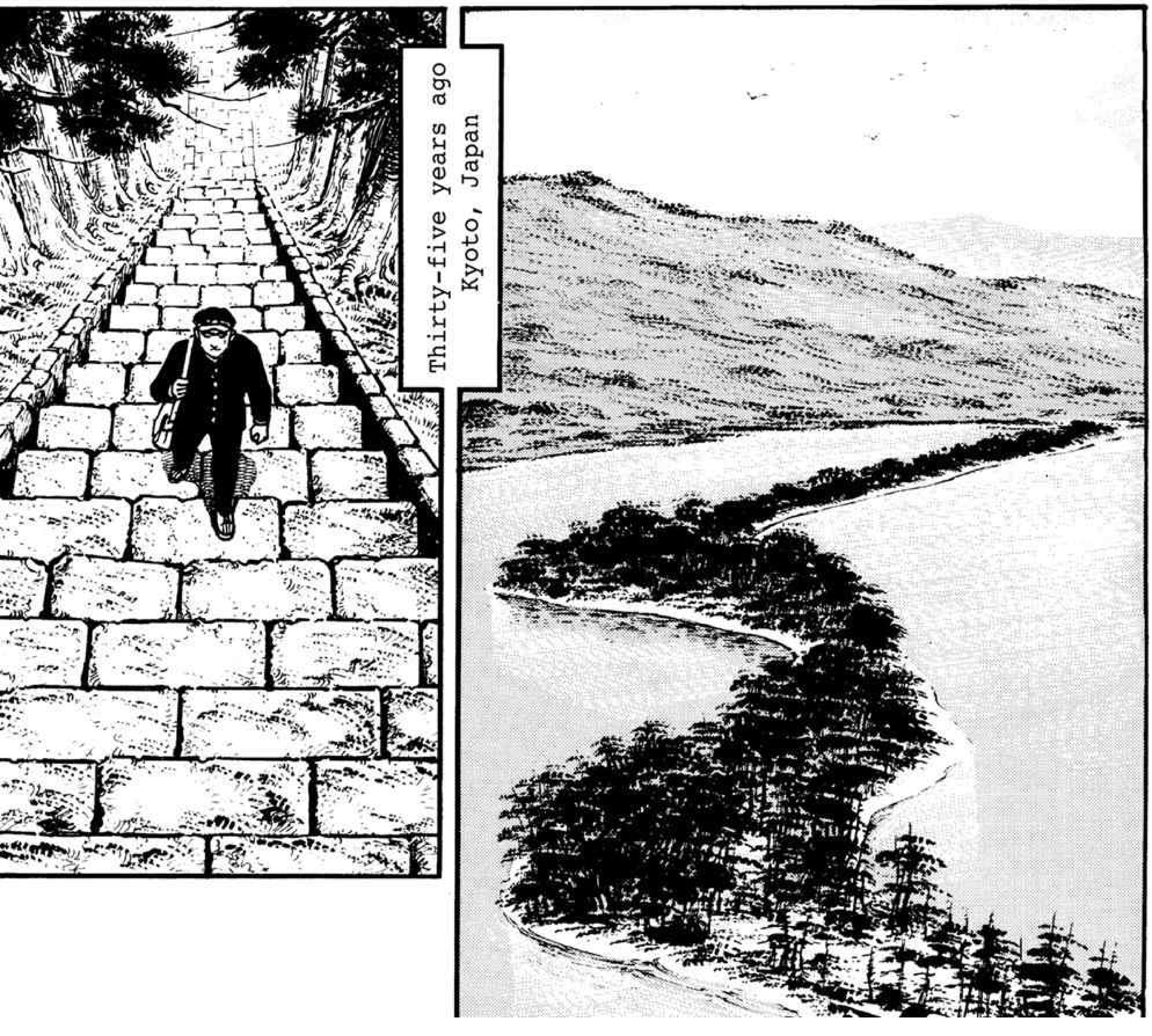
ALL NIPPON AIRWAY


DOCTOR MIKHAIL VALTO... SENSEI...
I SWEAR BY YOUR MEMORY...
...YOUR DREAM WILL COME TRUE.

PART 5 AN ARDOR FOR BALLISTICS



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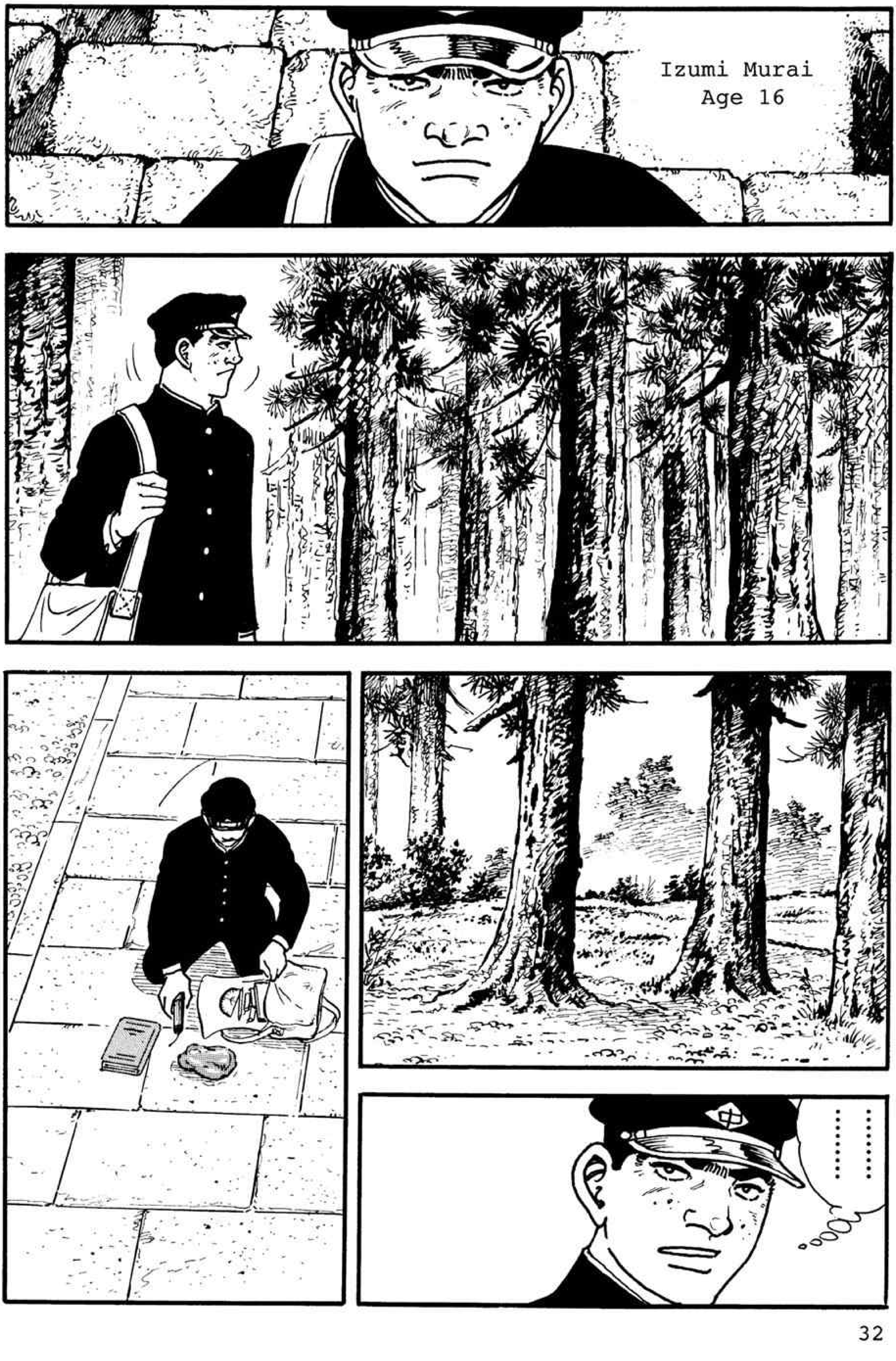
Izumi Murai
Age 16
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IF THE SPEED AT PEAK H IS ASSUMED TO BE 0, THE HEIGHT IS...
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THEREFORE...
SENSEI...!
IT MADE A SOFT LANDING AFTER 5.4 SECONDS... *JUST AS YOUR THEORY* **SAYS...!**

HEY! COULD YOU GET THE BALL, PLEASE !?
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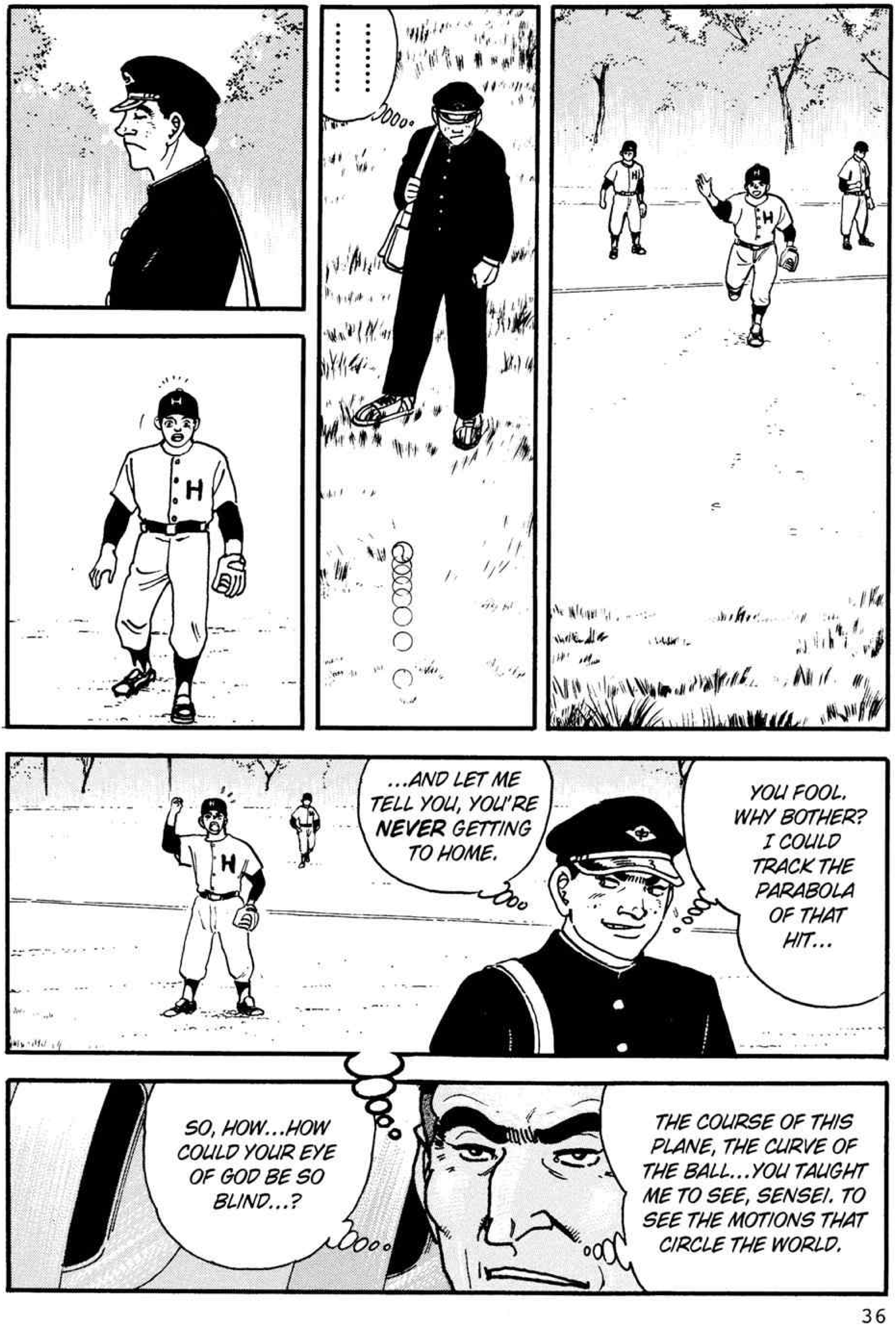
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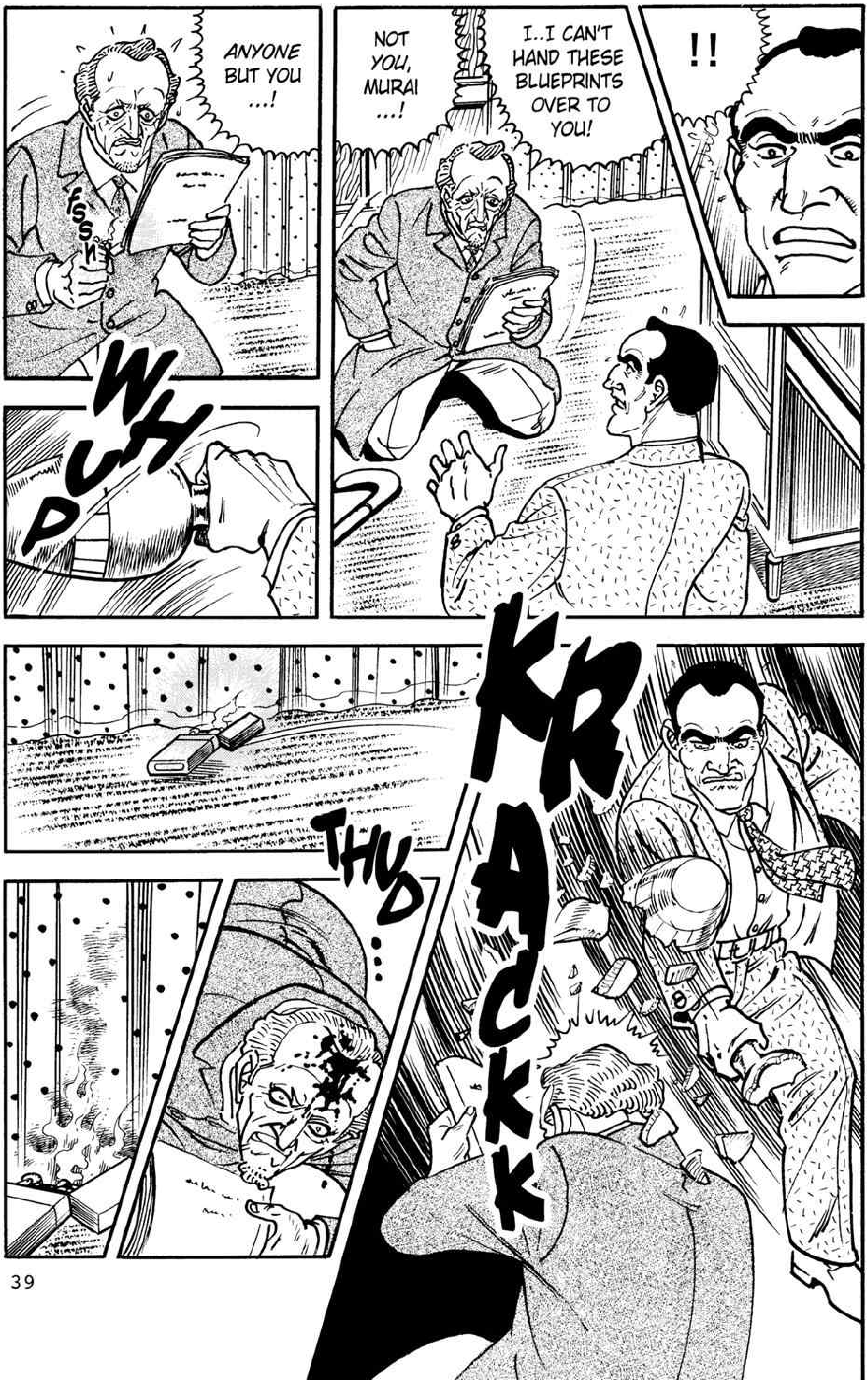
YOU FOOL. WHY BOTHER? I COULD TRACK THE PARABOLA OF THAT HIT...
...AND LET ME TELL YOU, YOU'RE **NEVER** GETTING TO HOME.
THE COURSE OF THIS PLANE, THE CURVE OF THE BALL...YOU TAUGHT ME TO SEE, SENSEI. TO SEE THE MOTIONS THAT CIRCLE THE WORLD.
SO, HOW...HOW COULD YOUR EYE OF GOD BE SO BLIND...?

Four years ago
Brussels,
Belgium
MURAI... YOU TRULY MEAN TO DO THAT !?...
YES...IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO...DOCTOR.

YOUR **GUN**, DOCTOR VALTO! WE HAVE THE BACKING NOW! THE *FUNDING*!
......
SENSEI! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER FOR DECADES... NOW'S THE CHANCE TO PROVE YOUR VISION TO THE WORLD!
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF...?
WHAT...AM I...*AFRAID* OF? THIS PROPOSAL YOU SOLD...YOUR WARHEAD DESIGN-- A BIOLOGICAL WEAPON! DO YOU DENY IT, MURAI?
MURAI! I NEVER WANTED *THIS*!
......
SENSEI...YOU'VE SPENT YOUR LIFE SELLING ARTILLERY SYSTEMS TO ANYONE WHO WOULD PAY TO SUPPORT YOUR DREAM...*OUR* DREAM.
ISN'T IT A LITTLE LATE TO--
WHAK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I..I CAN'T HAND THESE BLUEPRINTS OVER TO YOU!
NOT YOU, MURAI ...!
ANYONE BUT YOU ...!
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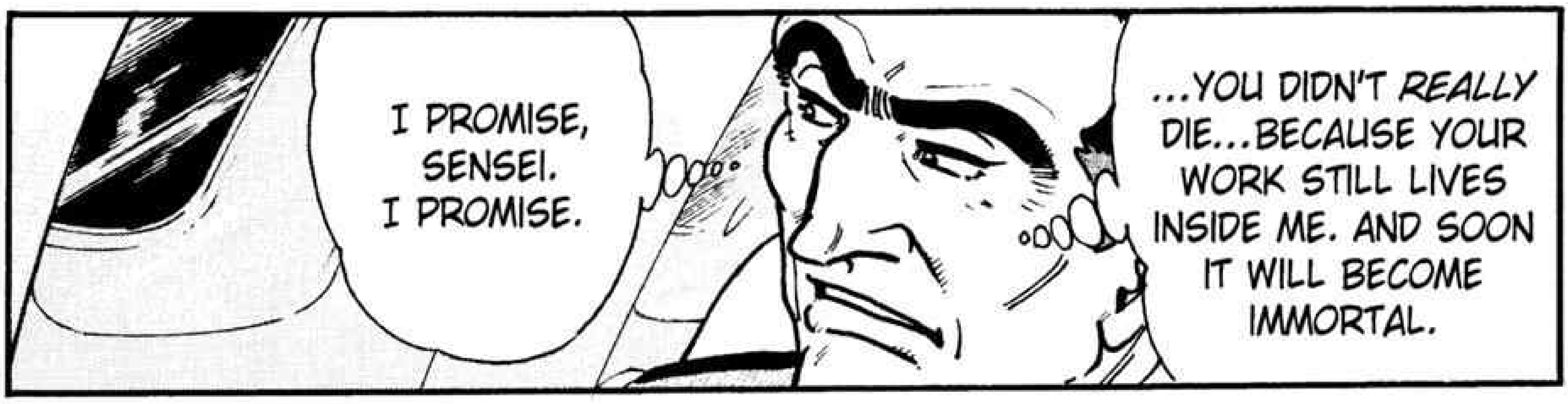
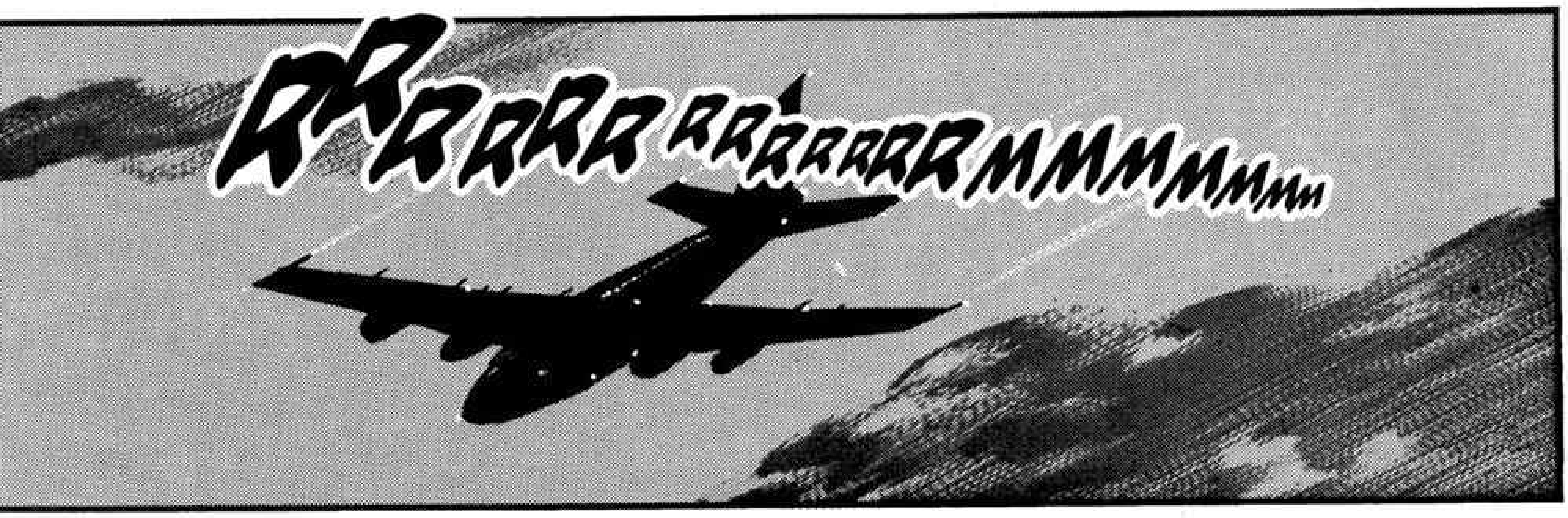
...

DR. VALTO...
KRAK KRAKKKLL
...DOCTOR...?


...YOU DIDN'T *REALLY* DIE...BECAUSE YOUR WORK STILL LIVES INSIDE ME. AND SOON IT WILL BECOME IMMORTAL.
I PROMISE, SENSEI. I PROMISE.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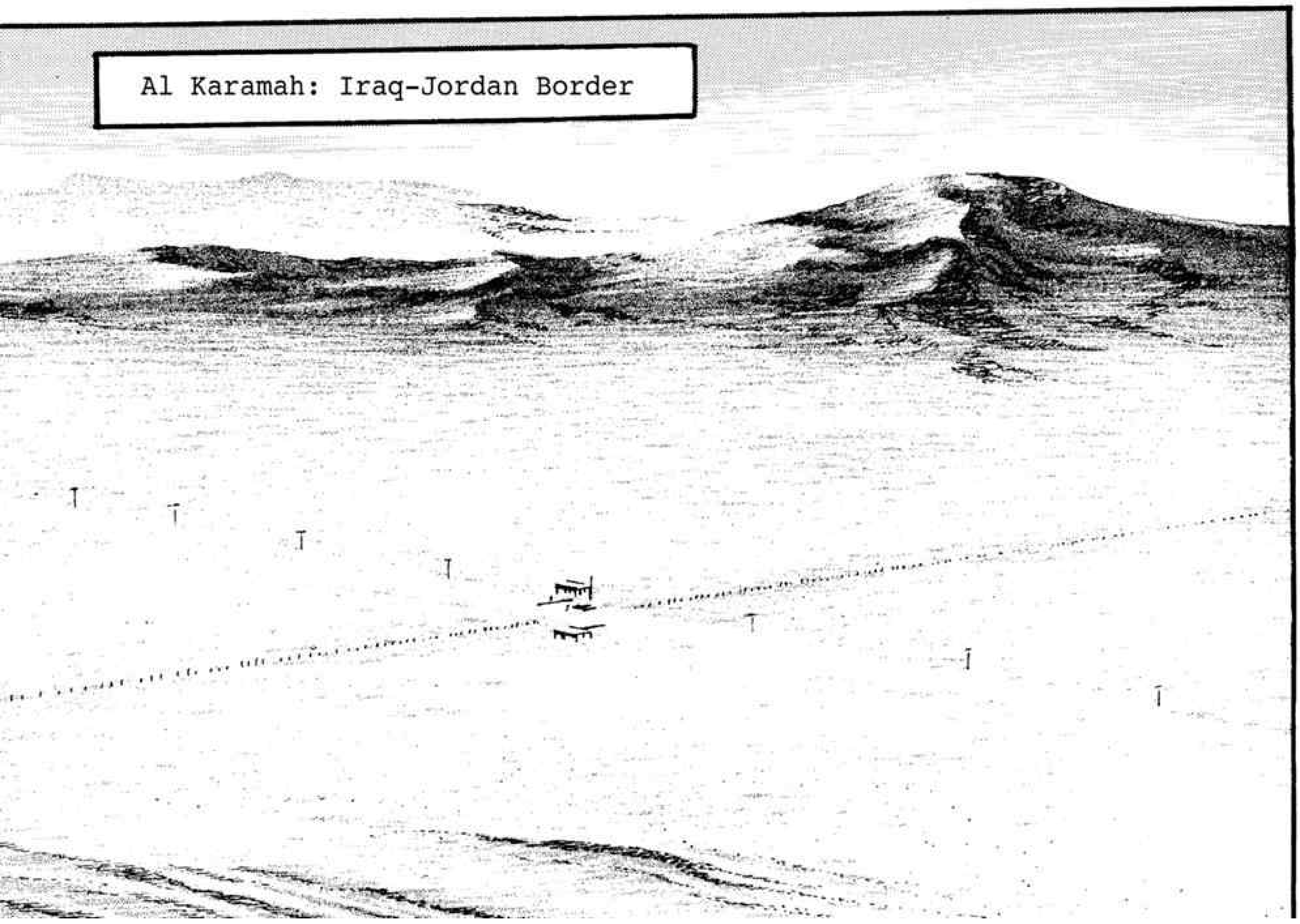
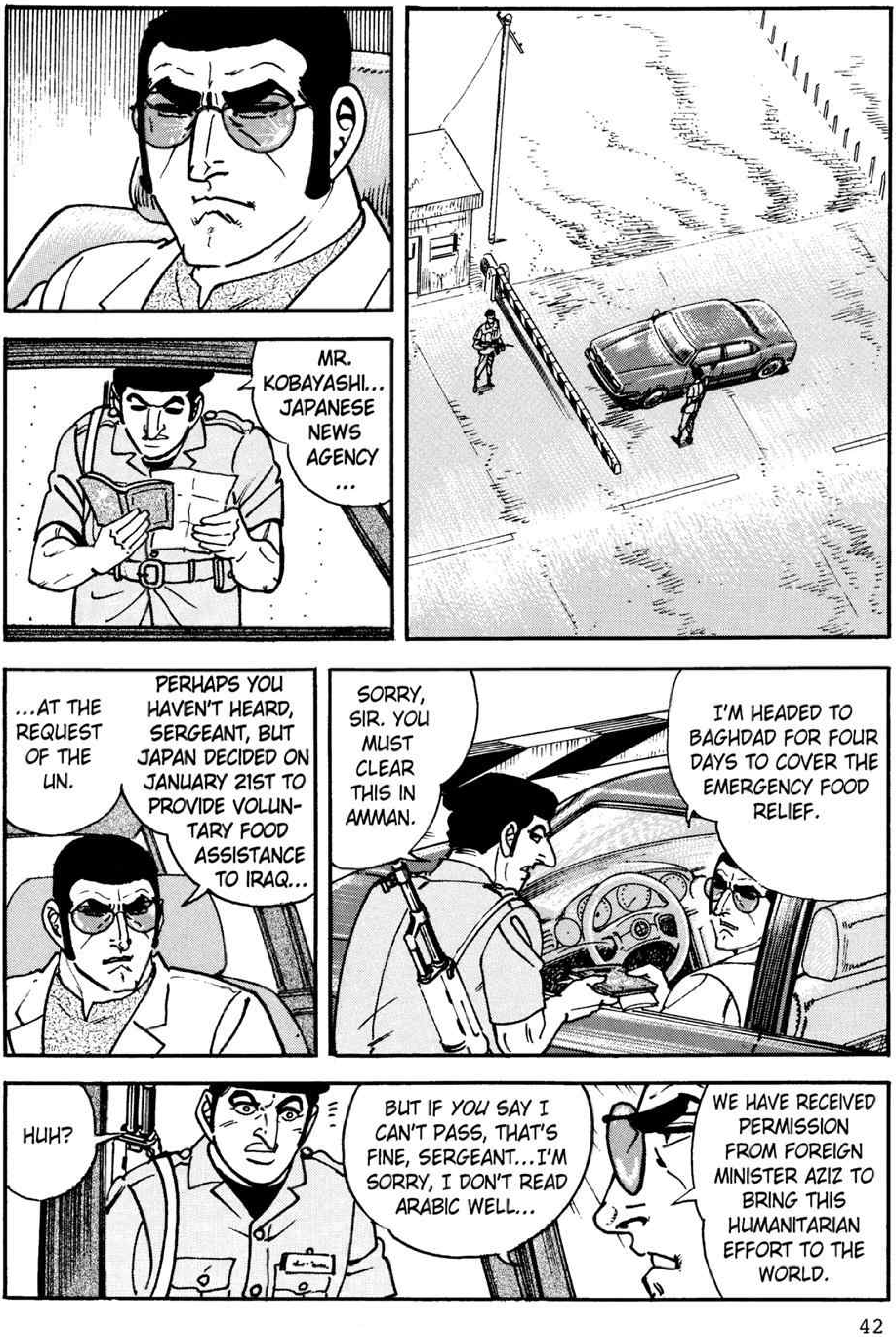
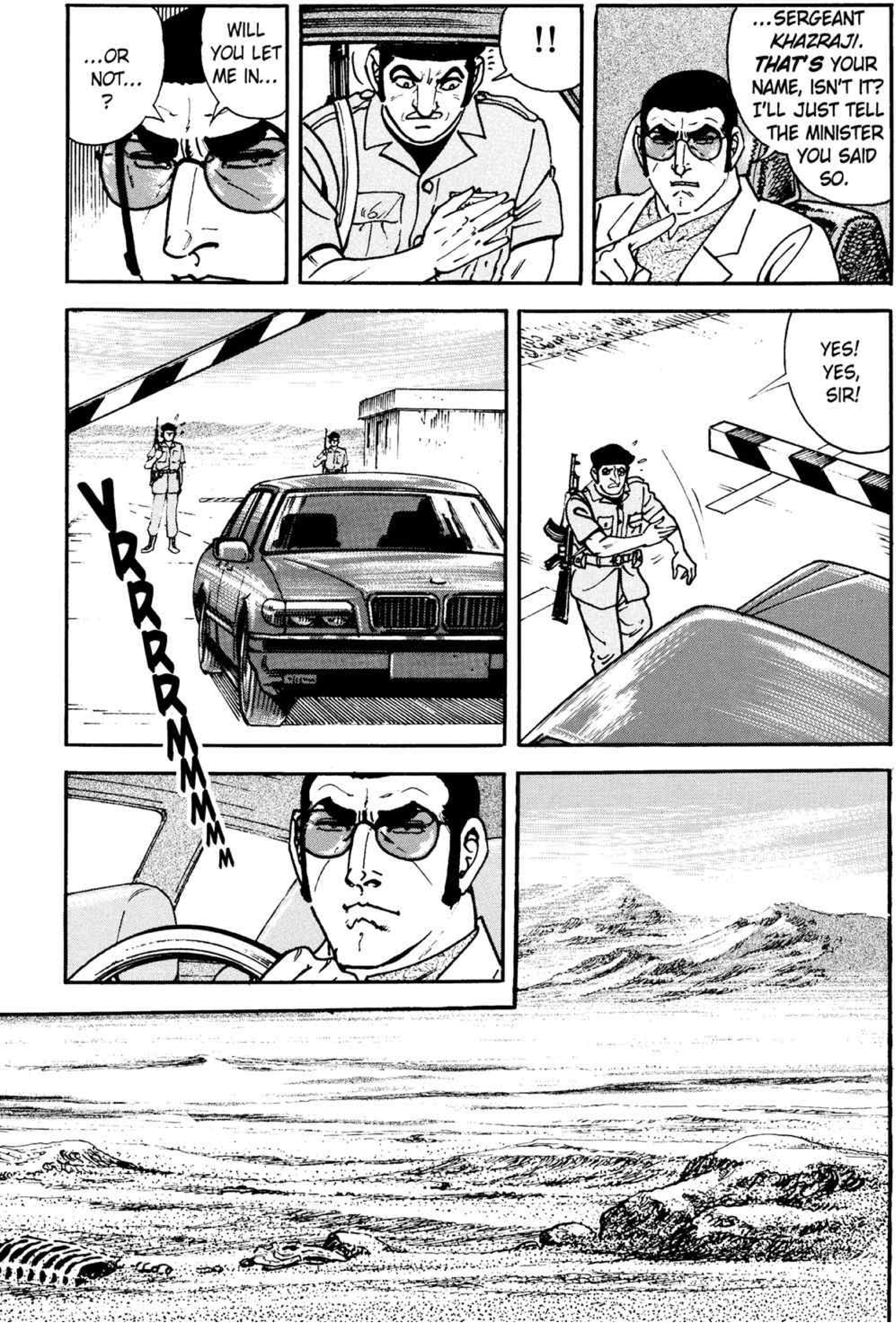
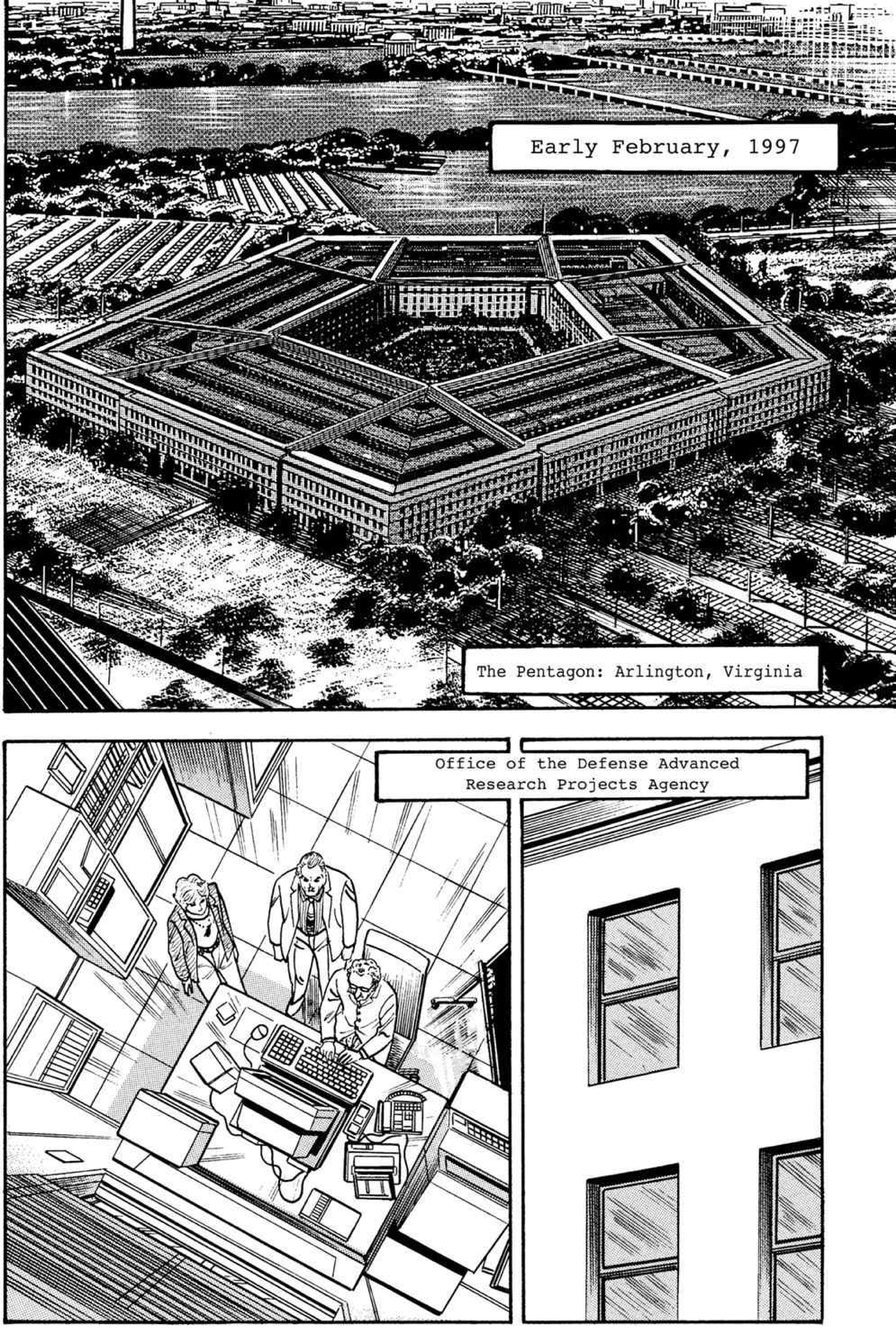

Al Karamah: Iraq-Jordan Border


MR. KOBAYASHI... JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY ...
I'M HEADED TO BAGHDAD FOR FOUR DAYS TO COVER THE EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF.
SORRY, SIR. YOU MUST CLEAR THIS IN AMMAN.
PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, SERGEANT, BUT JAPAN DECIDED ON JANUARY 21ST TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY FOOD ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ...
...AT THE REQUEST OF THE UN.
WE HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ TO BRING THIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO THE WORLD.
BUT IF *YOU* SAY I CAN'T PASS, THAT'S FINE, SERGEANT...I'M SORRY, I DON'T READ ARABIC WELL...
HUH?


WILL YOU LET ME IN...
...OR NOT... ?
!!
...SERGEANT KHAZRAJI. **THAT'S** YOUR NAME, ISN'T IT? I'LL JUST TELL THE MINISTER YOU SAID SO.
VRRRRMMMMM
YES! YES, SIR!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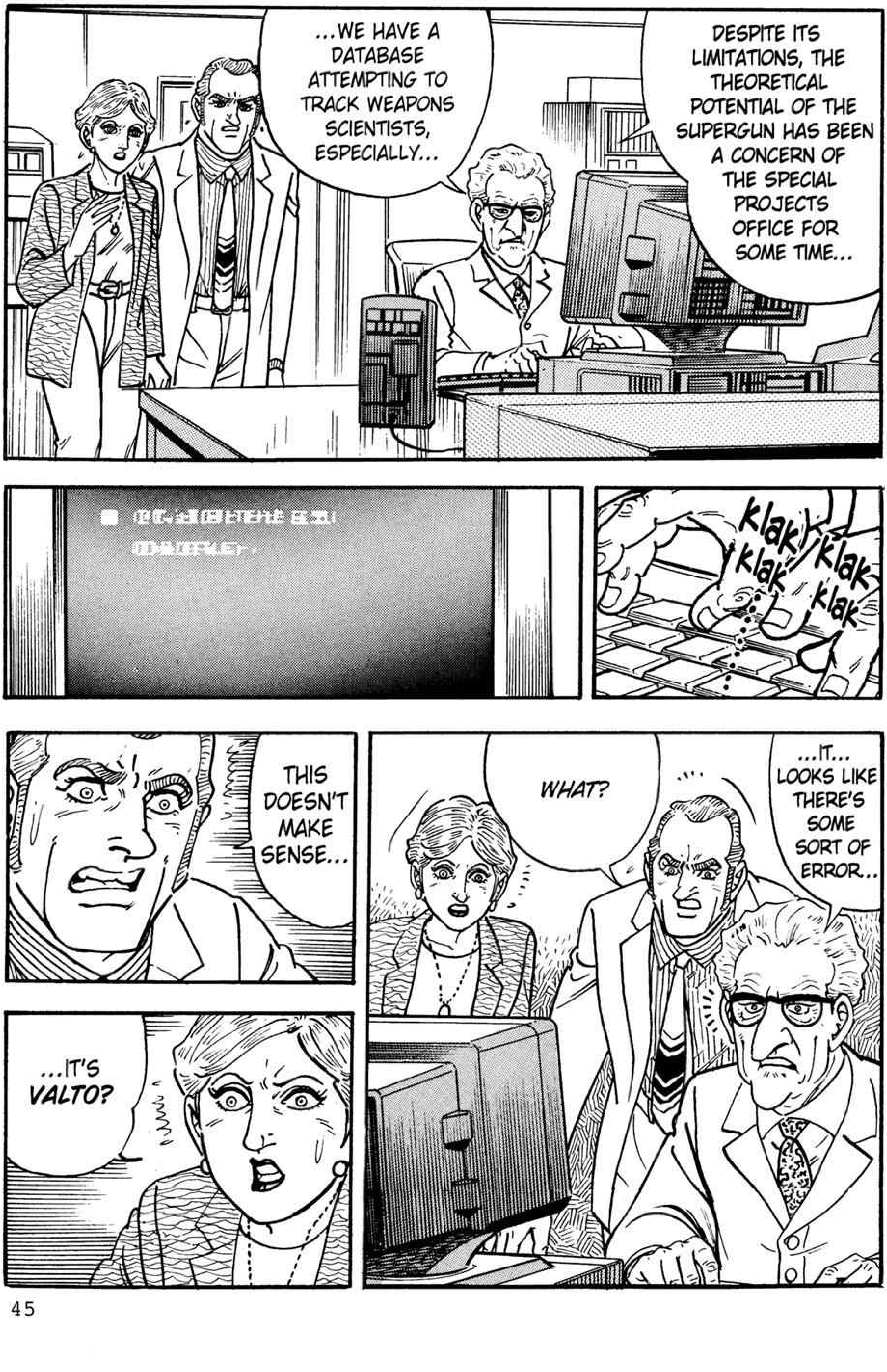
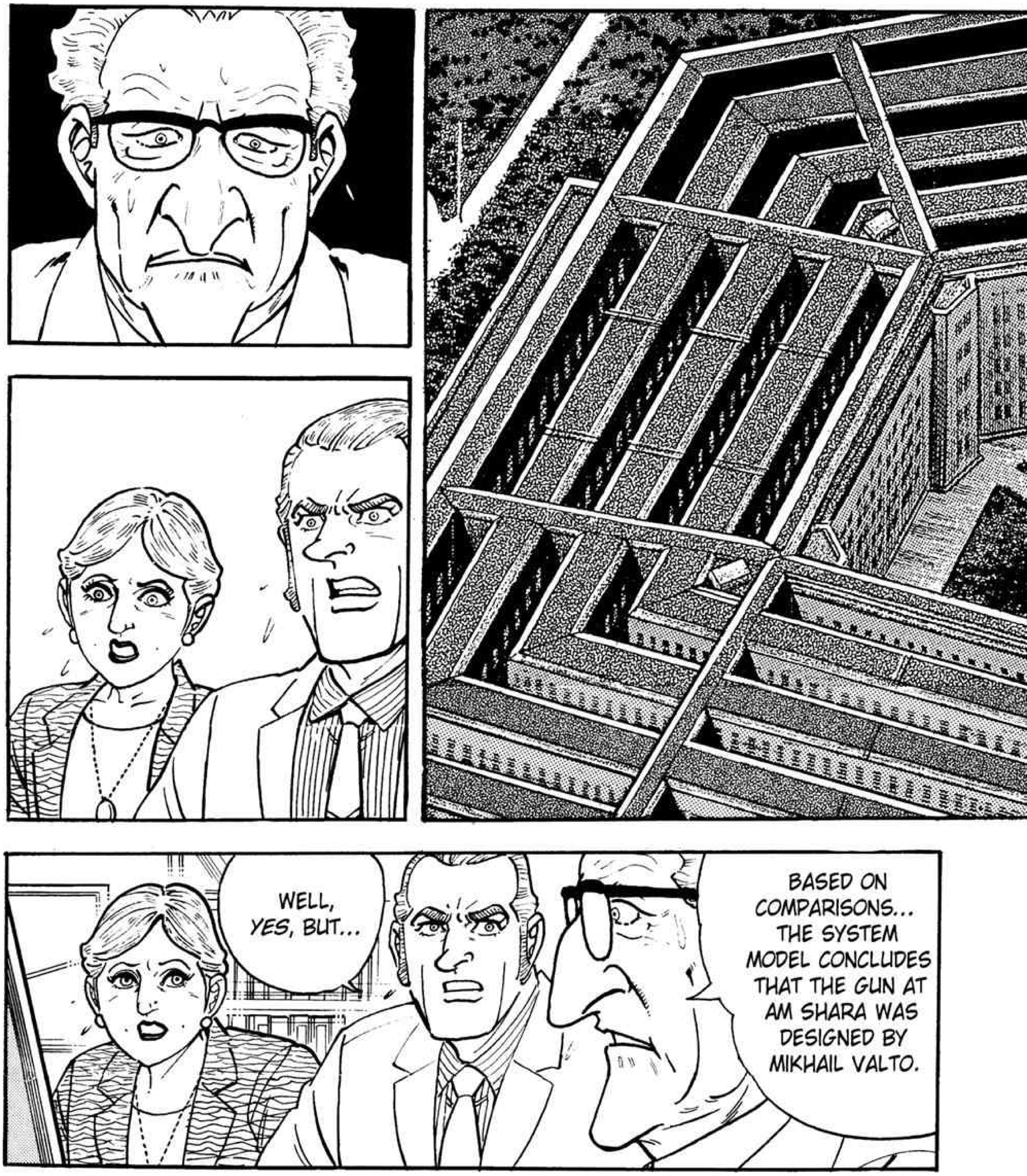
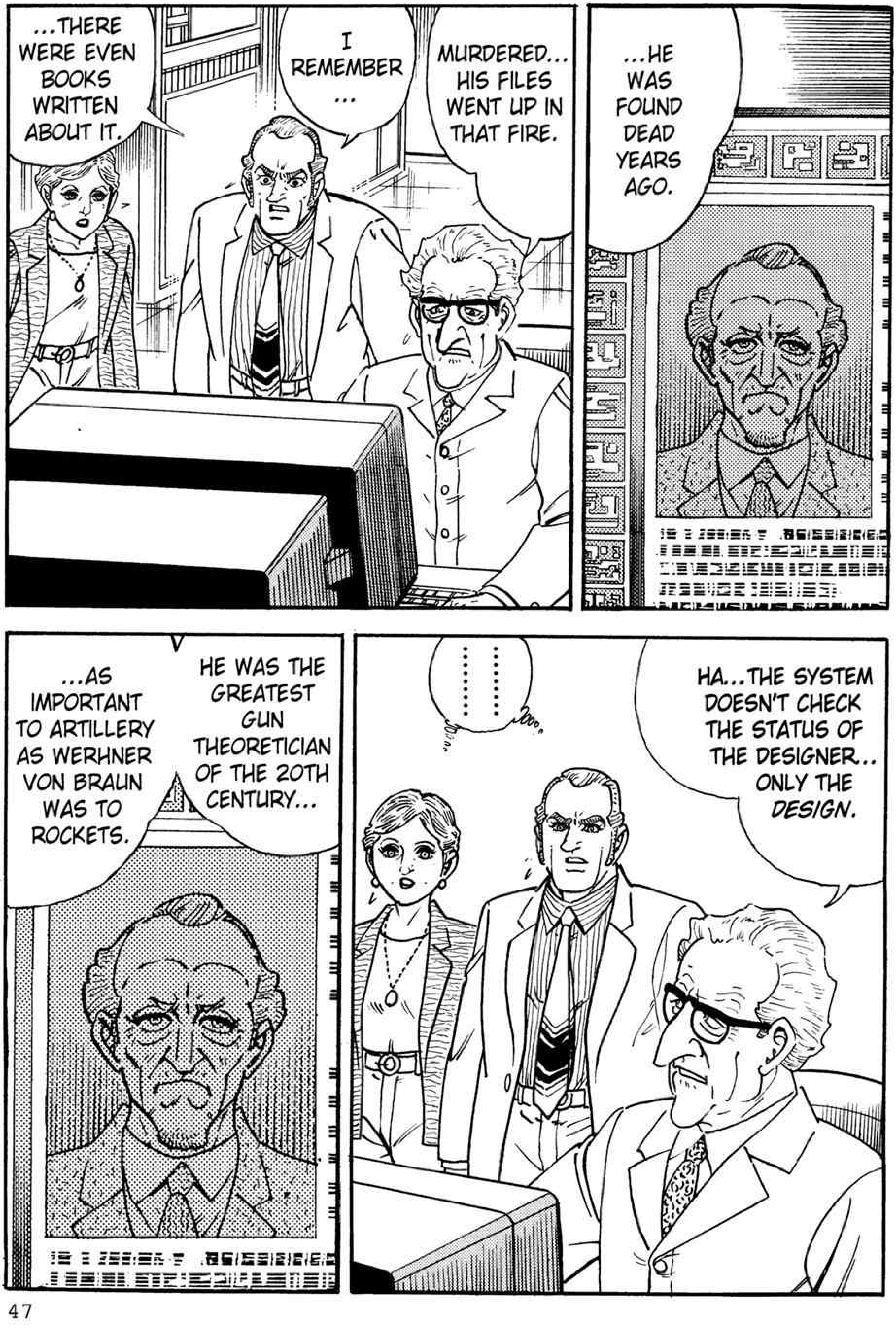

...WE HAVE A DATABASE ATTEMPTING TO TRACK WEAPONS SCIENTISTS, ESPECIALLY...
DESPITE ITS LIMITATIONS, THE THEORETICAL POTENTIAL OF THE SUPERGUN HAS BEEN A CONCERN OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICE FOR SOME TIME...
klak klak klak klak
THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...
...IT'S VALTO?
WHAT?
...IT... LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOME SORT OF ERROR...

PART 7 THE GREAT DESIGNER


BASED ON COMPARISONS... THE SYSTEM MODEL CONCLUDES THAT THE GUN AT AM SHARA WAS DESIGNED BY MIKHAIL VALTO.
WELL, YES, BUT...


...THERE WERE EVEN BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT IT.
I REMEMBER...
MURDERED... HIS FILES WENT UP IN THAT FIRE.
...HE WAS FOUND DEAD YEARS AGO.
HE WAS THE GREATEST GUN THEORETICIAN OF THE 20TH CENTURY...
...AS IMPORTANT TO ARTILLERY AS WERHNER VON BRAUN WAS TO ROCKETS.
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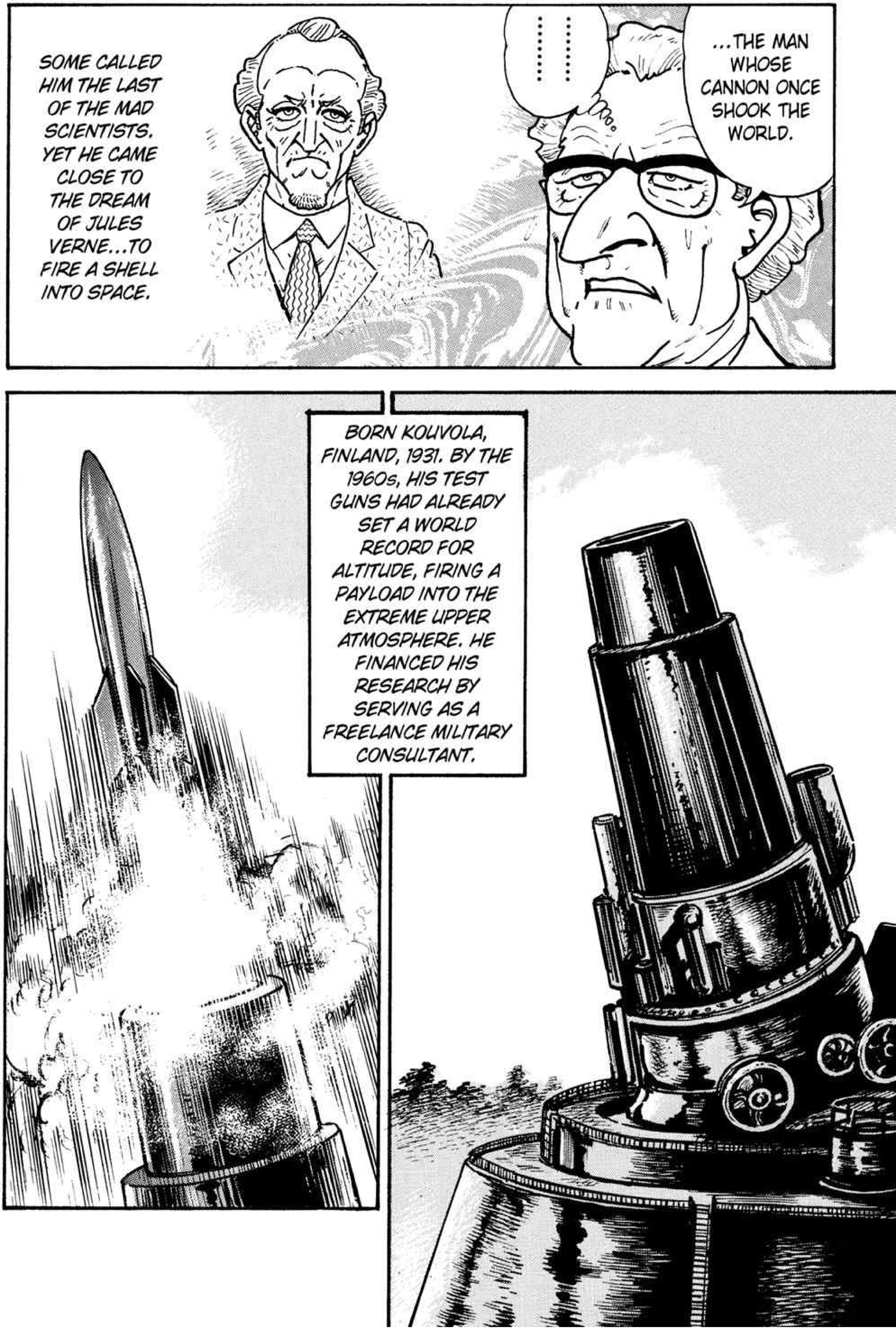
HA...THE SYSTEM DOESN'T CHECK THE STATUS OF THE DESIGNER... ONLY THE *DESIGN*.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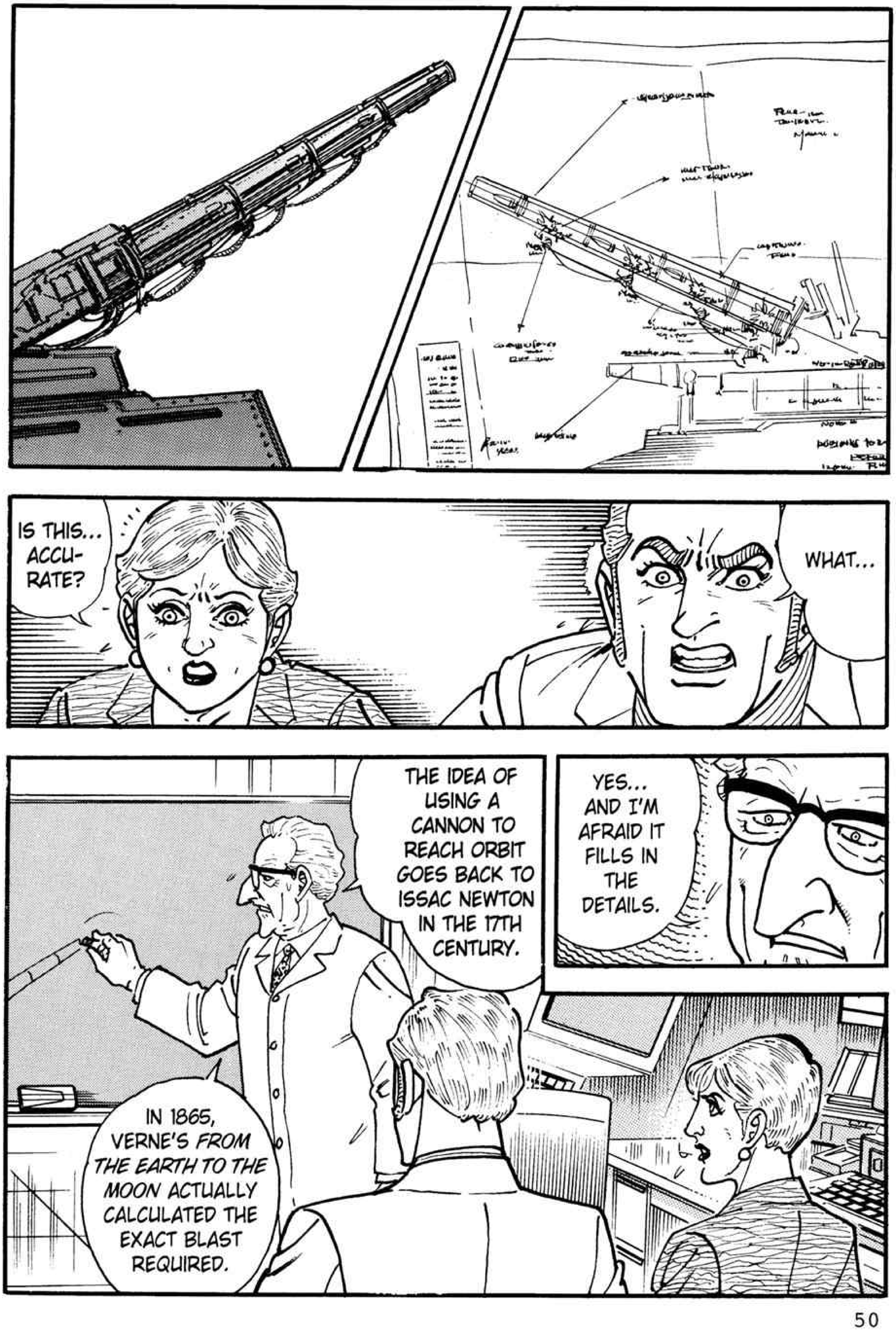
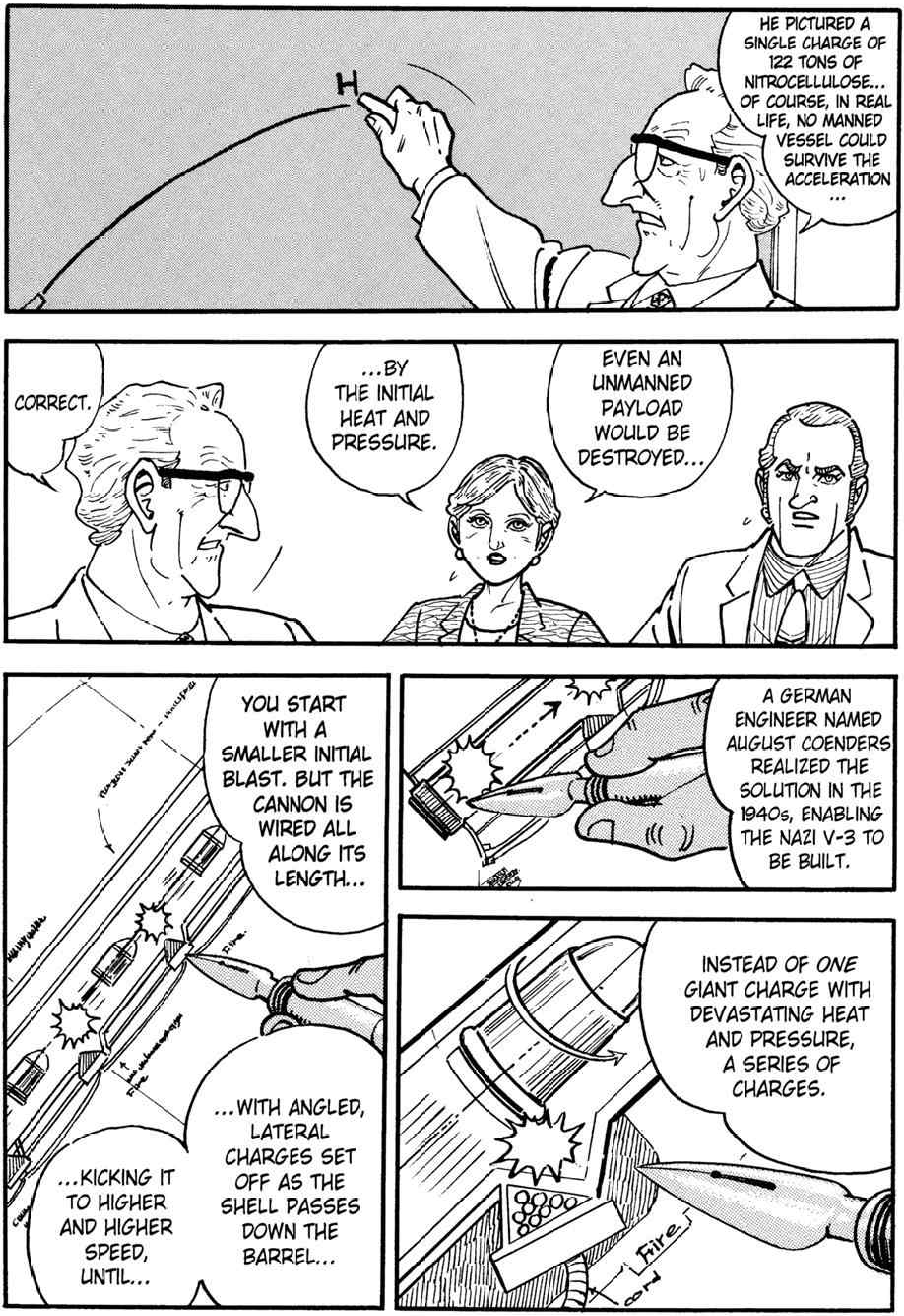
...THE MAN WHOSE CANNON ONCE SHOOK THE WORLD.
SOME CALLED HIM THE LAST OF THE MAD SCIENTISTS. YET HE CAME CLOSE TO THE DREAM OF JULES VERNE...TO FIRE A SHELL INTO SPACE.
BORN KOUVOLA, FINLAND, 1931. BY THE 1960s, HIS TEST GUNS HAD ALREADY SET A WORLD RECORD FOR ALTITUDE, FIRING A PAYLOAD INTO THE EXTREME UPPER ATMOSPHERE. HE FINANCED HIS RESEARCH BY SERVING AS A FREELANCE MILITARY CONSULTANT.

STILL SEEKING A BACKER FOR A CANNON THAT COULD REACH ORBIT, HE SOLD ADVANCED ARTILLERY DESIGNS TO CLIENTS INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, IRAQ, JORDAN, AND LIBYA. WESTERN GOVERNMENTS PUT PRESSURE ON HIM...AND HE WAS KILLED UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT EVER HAVING BUILT HIS SUPERGUN.
COULD IT HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHOUT HIS OVERSIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THIS IS WHAT WE THINK THE AM SHARA GUN LOOKS LIKE...
...BASED ON THE DATA.
THE OTHER DAY, I REQUESTED A FILE FROM THE FBI...
THE FBI ...?
THEY RAIDED VALTO'S U.S. OFFICE WHEN HE WAS PROSECUTED FOR ARMS DEALING.
THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE, YOU'LL SEE, IS FAIRLY CLEAR..


IS THIS... ACCURATE?
WHAT...
YES... AND I'M AFRAID IT FILLS IN THE DETAILS.
THE IDEA OF USING A CANNON TO REACH ORBIT GOES BACK TO ISSAC NEWTON IN THE 17TH CENTURY.
IN 1865, VERNE'S *FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON* ACTUALLY CALCULATED THE EXACT BLAST REQUIRED.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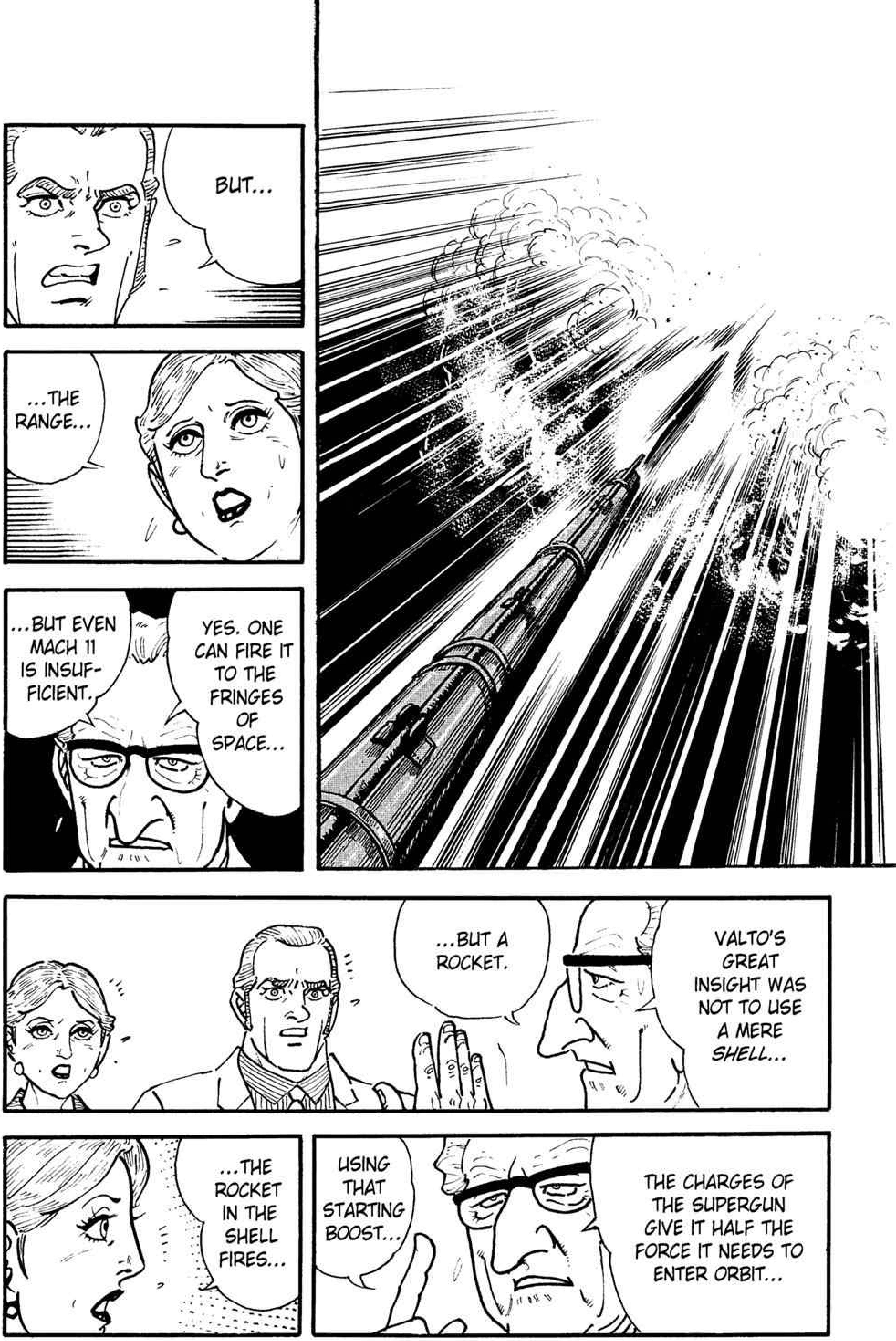
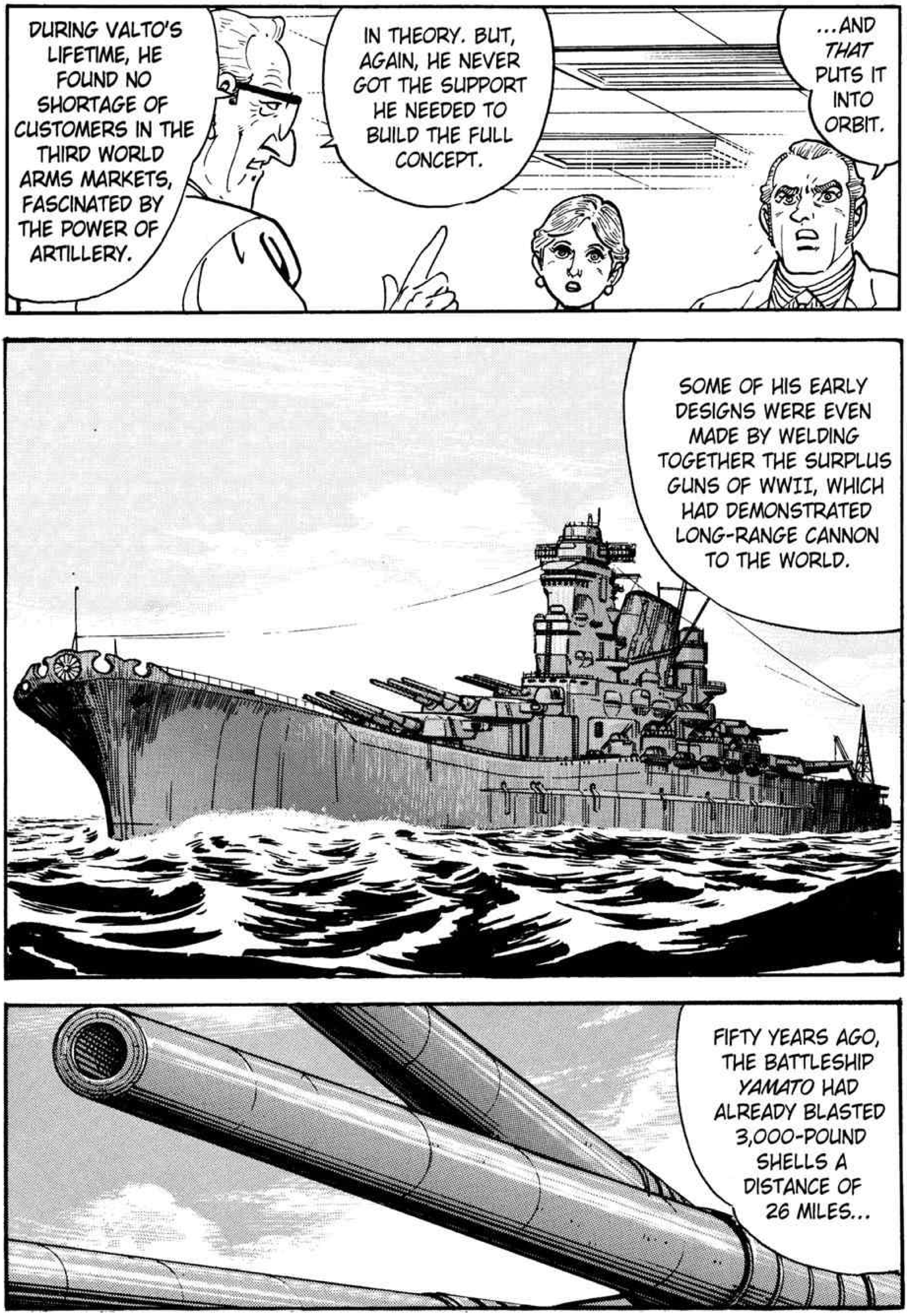
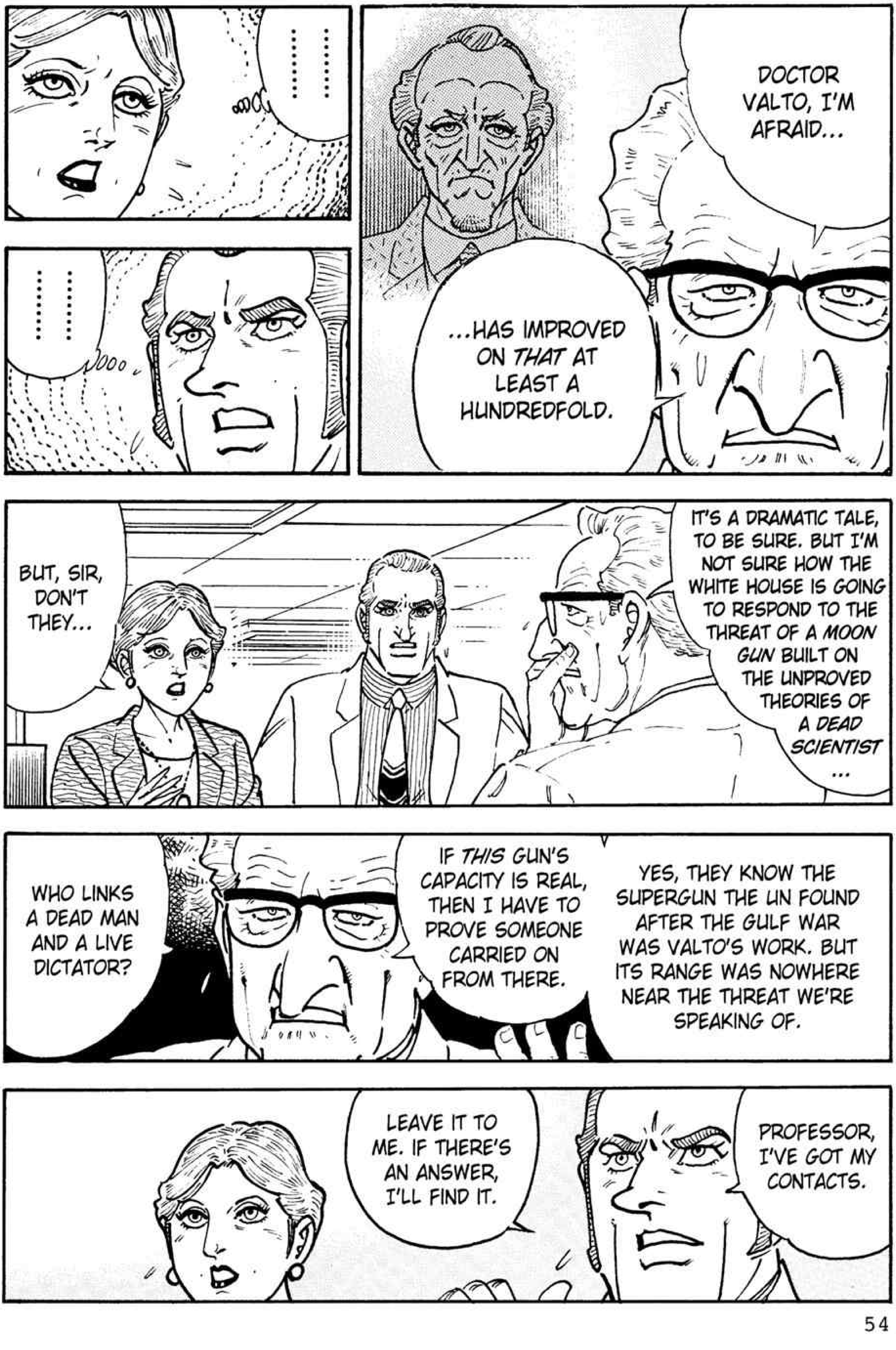
HE PICTURED A SINGLE CHARGE OF 122 TONS OF NITROCELLULOSE... OF COURSE, IN REAL LIFE, NO MANNED VESSEL COULD SURVIVE THE ACCELERATION...
EVEN AN UNMANNED PAYLOAD WOULD BE DESTROYED...
...BY THE INITIAL HEAT AND PRESSURE.
CORRECT.
YOU START WITH A SMALLER INITIAL BLAST. BUT THE CANNON IS WIRED ALL ALONG ITS LENGTH...
...WITH ANGLED, LATERAL CHARGES SET OFF AS THE SHELL PASSES DOWN THE BARREL...
...KICKING IT TO HIGHER AND HIGHER SPEED, UNTIL...
Fire
A GERMAN ENGINEER NAMED AUGUST COENDERS REALIZED THE SOLUTION IN THE 1940s, ENABLING THE NAZI V-3 TO BE BUILT.
INSTEAD OF *ONE* GIANT CHARGE WITH DEVASTATING HEAT AND PRESSURE, A SERIES OF CHARGES.
Fire
cord


BUT...
...THE RANGE...
YES. ONE CAN FIRE IT TO THE FRINGES OF SPACE...
...BUT EVEN MACH 11 IS INSUFFICIENT.
VALTO'S GREAT INSIGHT WAS NOT TO USE A MERE *SHELL*...
...BUT A ROCKET.
THE CHARGES OF THE SUPERGUN GIVE IT HALF THE FORCE IT NEEDS TO ENTER ORBIT...
USING THAT STARTING BOOST...
...THE ROCKET IN THE SHELL FIRES...


...AND *THAT* PUTS IT INTO ORBIT.
IN THEORY. BUT, AGAIN, HE NEVER GOT THE SUPPORT HE NEEDED TO BUILD THE FULL CONCEPT.
DURING VALTO'S LIFETIME, HE FOUND NO SHORTAGE OF CUSTOMERS IN THE THIRD WORLD ARMS MARKETS, FASCINATED BY THE POWER OF ARTILLERY.
SOME OF HIS EARLY DESIGNS WERE EVEN MADE BY WELDING TOGETHER THE SURPLUS GUNS OF WWII, WHICH HAD DEMONSTRATED LONG-RANGE CANNON TO THE WORLD.
FIFTY YEARS AGO, THE BATTLESHIP *YAMATO* HAD ALREADY BLASTED 3,000-POUND SHELLS A DISTANCE OF 26 MILES...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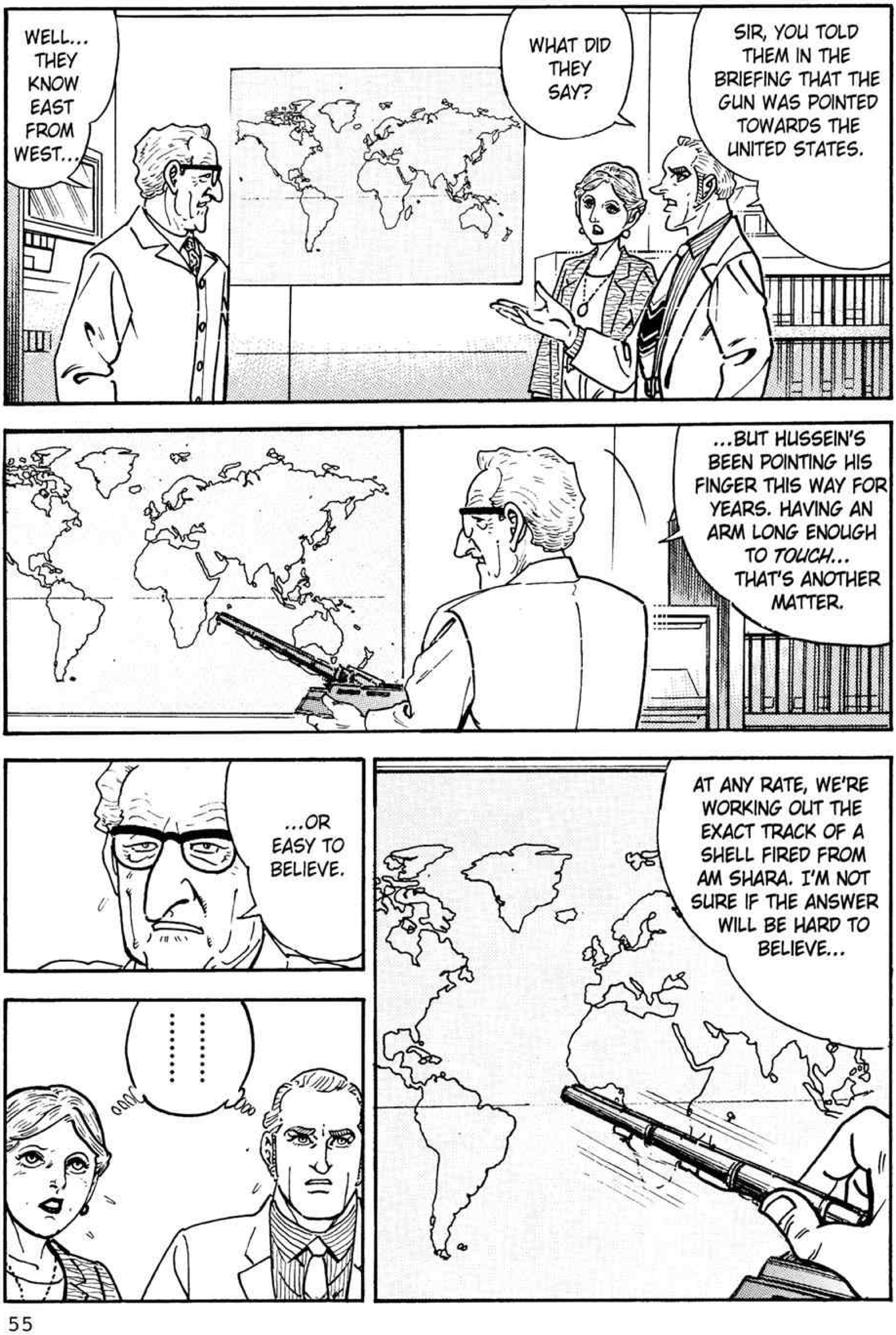
DOCTOR VALTO, I'M AFRAID...
...HAS IMPROVED ON *THAT* AT LEAST A HUNDREDFOLD.
IT'S A DRAMATIC TALE, TO BE SURE. BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW THE WHITE HOUSE IS GOING TO RESPOND TO THE THREAT OF A *MOON GUN* BUILT ON THE UNPROVED THEORIES OF *A DEAD SCIENTIST* ...
BUT, SIR, DON'T THEY...
YES, THEY KNOW THE SUPERGUN THE UN FOUND AFTER THE GULF WAR WAS VALTO'S WORK. BUT ITS RANGE WAS NOWHERE NEAR THE THREAT WE'RE SPEAKING OF.
IF *THIS* GUN'S CAPACITY IS REAL, THEN I HAVE TO PROVE SOMEONE CARRIED ON FROM THERE.
WHO LINKS A DEAD MAN AND A LIVE DICTATOR?
PROFESSOR, I'VE GOT MY CONTACTS.
LEAVE IT TO ME. IF THERE'S AN ANSWER, I'LL FIND IT.


SIR, YOU TOLD THEM IN THE BRIEFING THAT THE GUN WAS POINTED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES.
WHAT DID THEY SAY?
WELL... THEY KNOW EAST FROM WEST...
...BUT HUSSEIN'S BEEN POINTING HIS FINGER THIS WAY FOR YEARS. HAVING AN ARM LONG ENOUGH TO *TOUCH*... THAT'S ANOTHER MATTER.
AT ANY RATE, WE'RE WORKING OUT THE EXACT TRACK OF A SHELL FIRED FROM AM SHARA. I'M NOT SURE IF THE ANSWER WILL BE HARD TO BELIEVE...
...OR EASY TO BELIEVE.
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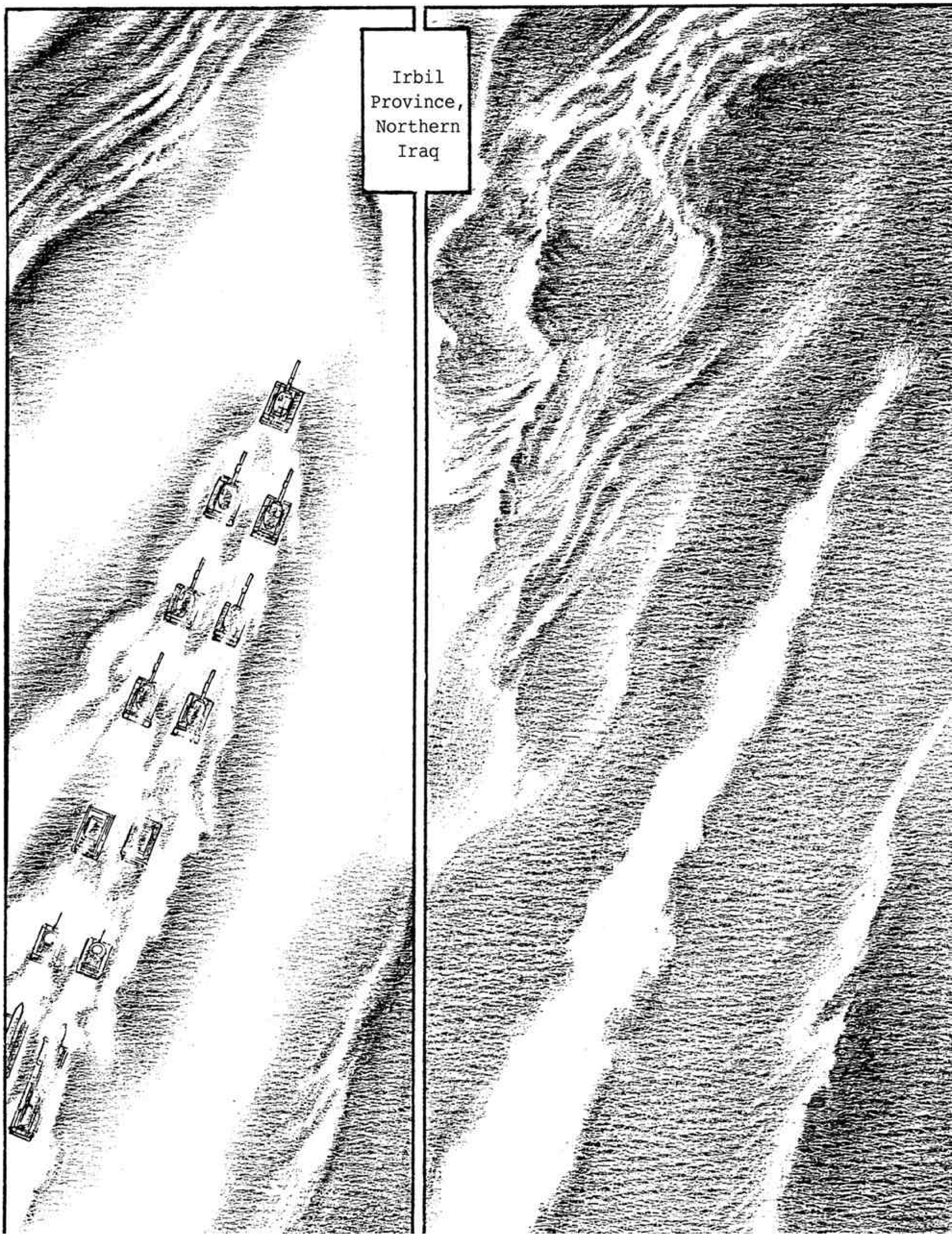
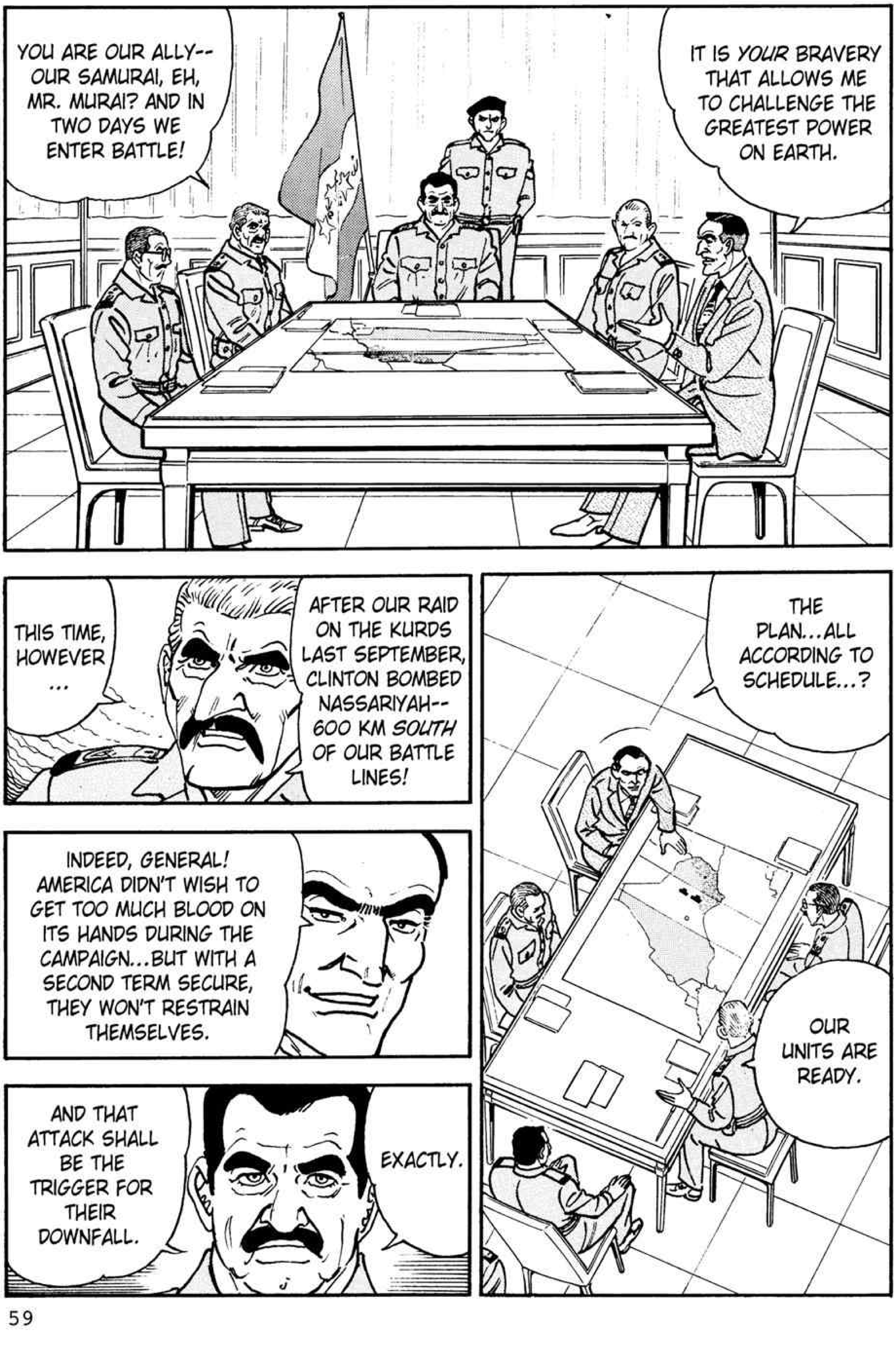
PART 8

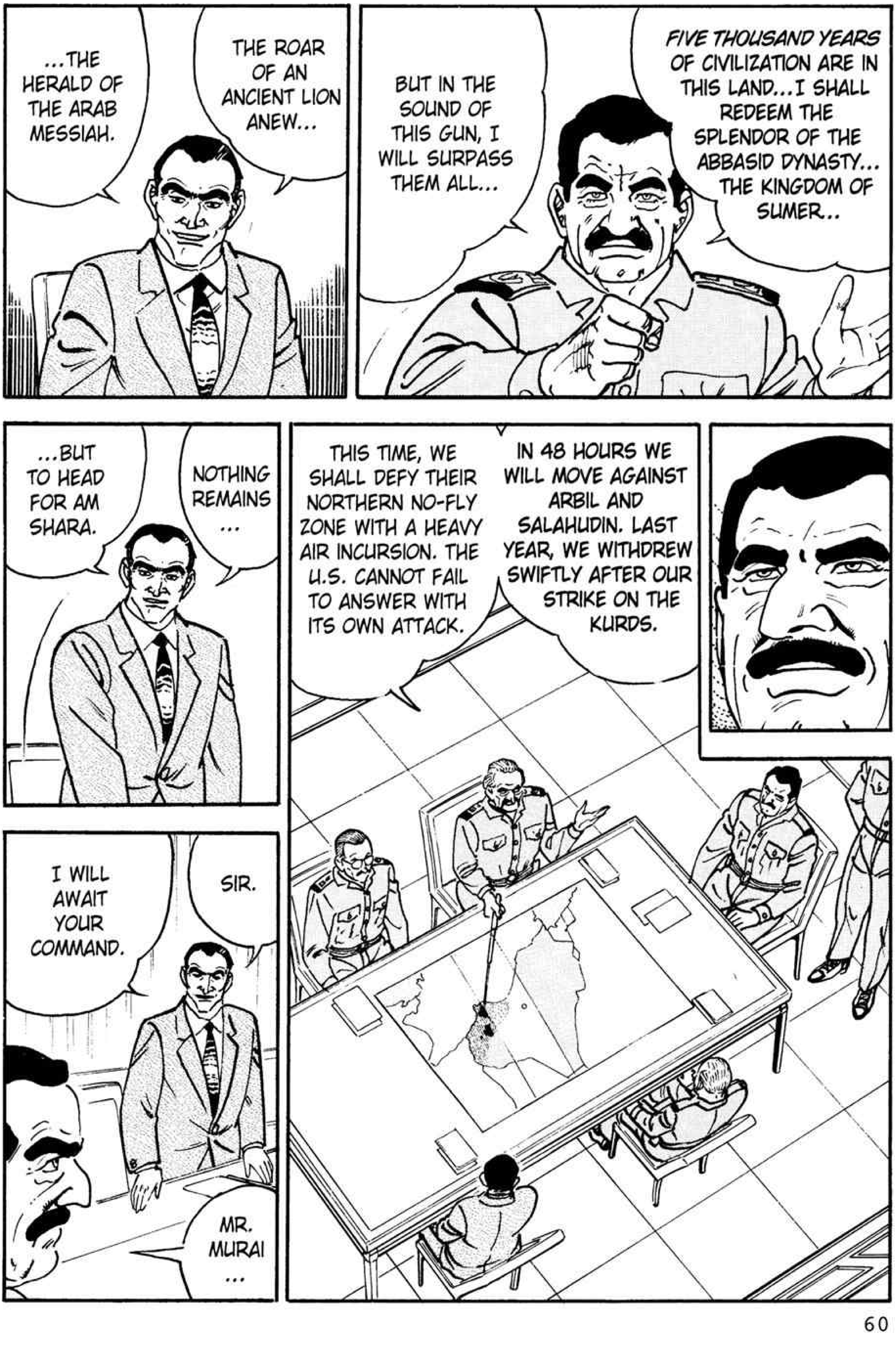
THE TRIGGER

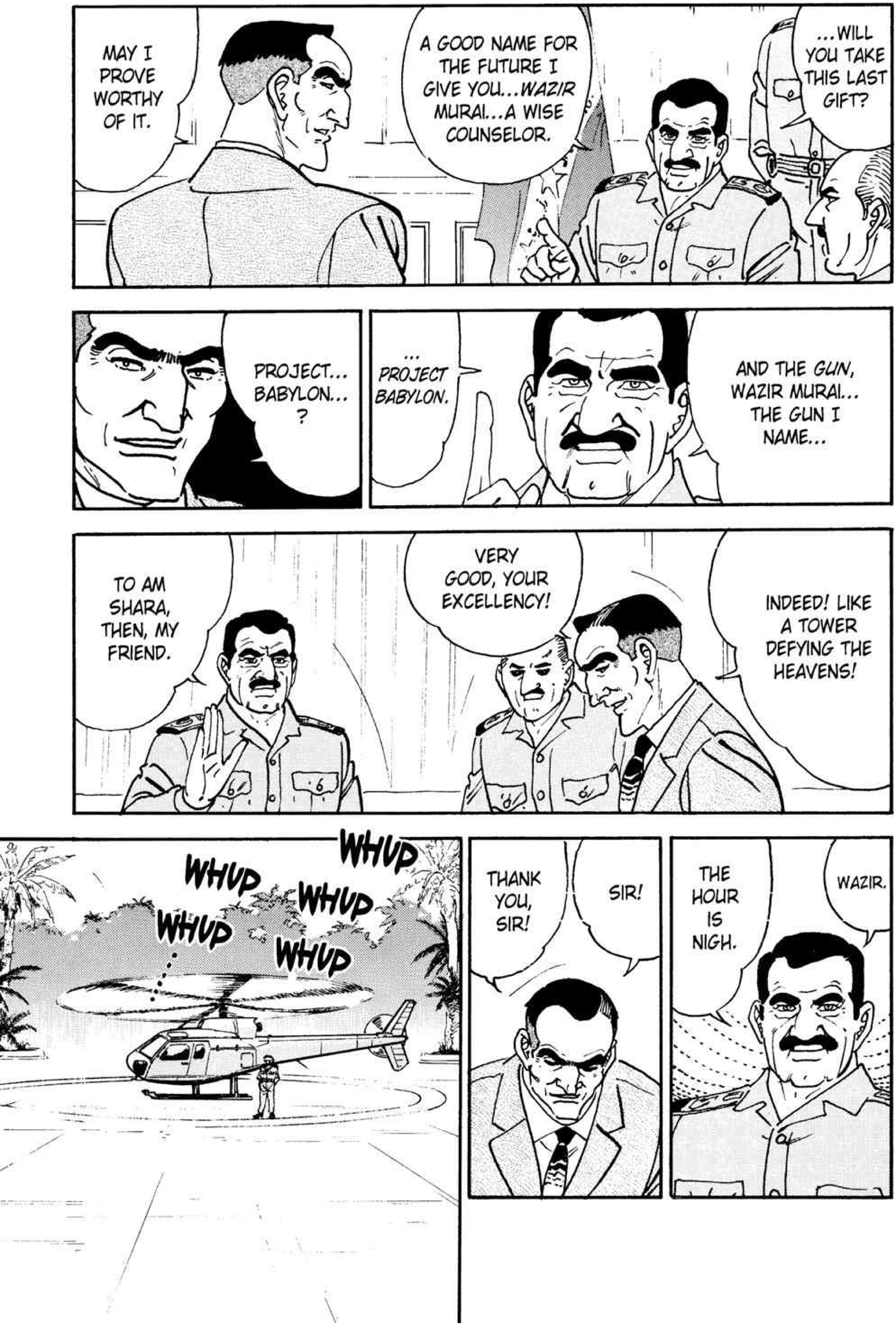

Irbil Province, Northern Iraq

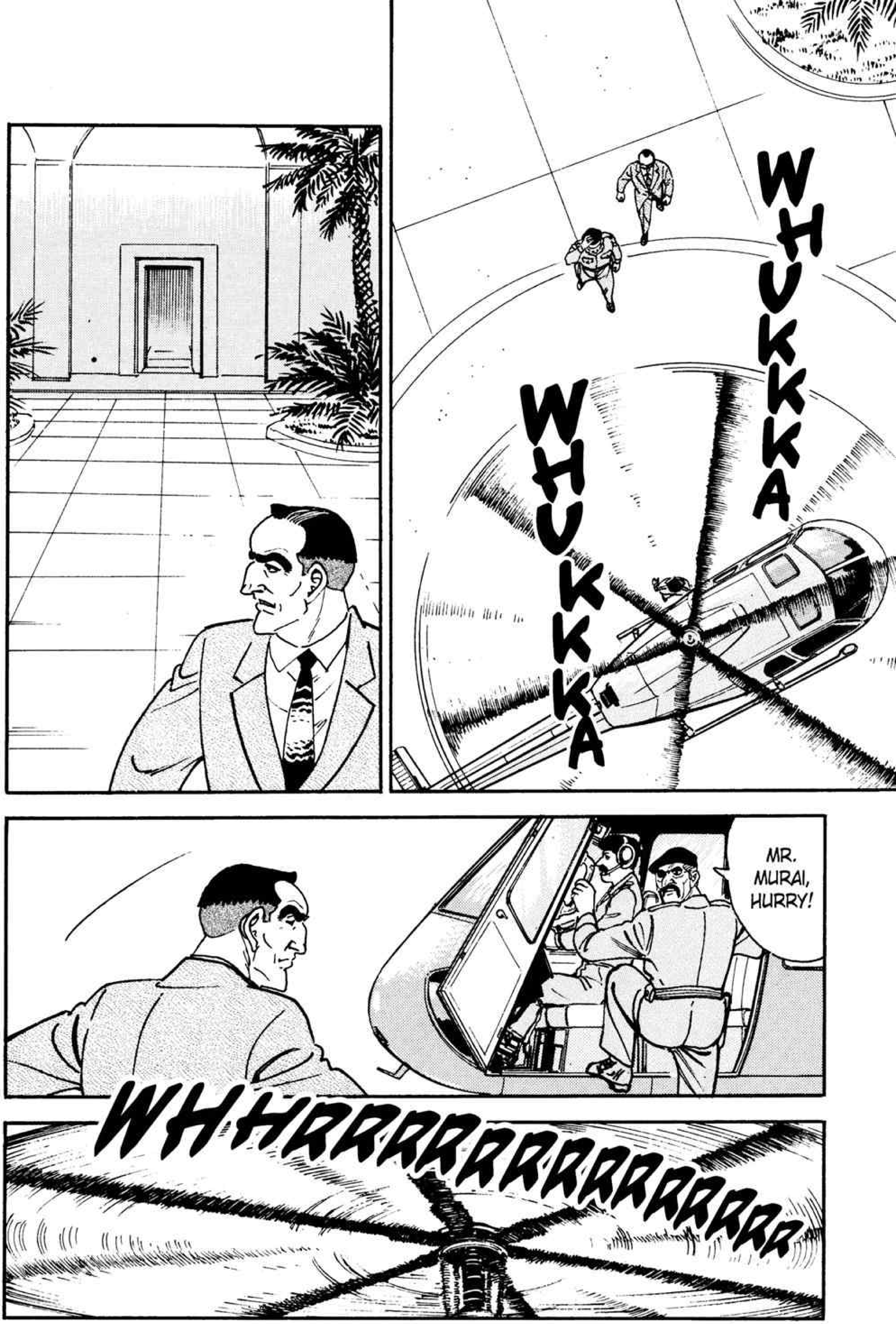
Satellite reconnaissance indicates Iraqi armored division moving in force to the fortified line south of the Kurdish Autonomous Region…

Ministry of Defense, Baghdad
THANK YOU... MR. MURAI.
YOU ARE MORE THAN A SCIENTIST...YOU HAVE BECOME A BROTHER TO THE SUFFERING IRAQI PEOPLE.
IT IS AN HONOR TO BE IN THIS FIGHT...YOUR EXCELLENCY.

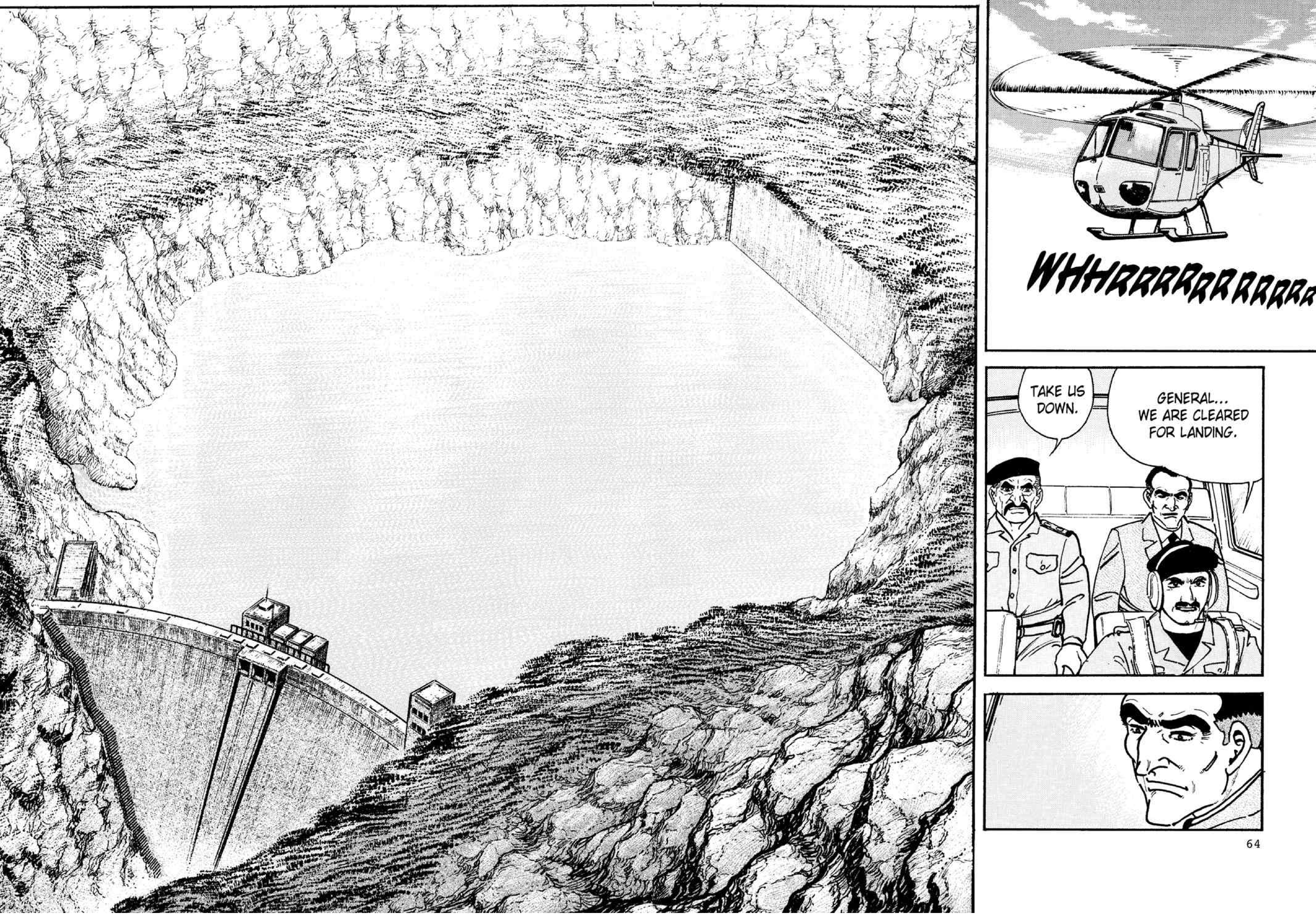

YOU ARE OUR ALLY-- OUR SAMURAI, EH, MR. MURAI? AND IN TWO DAYS WE ENTER BATTLE!
IT IS *YOUR* BRAVERY THAT ALLOWS ME TO CHALLENGE THE GREATEST POWER ON EARTH.
AFTER OUR RAID ON THE KURDS LAST SEPTEMBER, CLINTON BOMBED NASSARIYAH-- 600 KM *SOUTH* OF OUR BATTLE LINES!
THIS TIME, HOWEVER ...
INDEED, GENERAL! AMERICA DIDN'T WISH TO GET TOO MUCH BLOOD ON ITS HANDS DURING THE CAMPAIGN...BUT WITH A SECOND TERM SECURE, THEY WON'T RESTRAIN THEMSELVES.
AND THAT ATTACK SHALL BE THE TRIGGER FOR THEIR DOWNFALL.
EXACTLY.
THE PLAN...ALL ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE...?
OUR UNITS ARE READY.


FIVE THOUSAND YEARS OF CIVILIZATION ARE IN THIS LAND...I SHALL REDEEM THE SPLENDOR OF THE ABBASID DYNASTY... THE KINGDOM OF SUMER..
BUT IN THE SOUND OF THIS GUN, I WILL SURPASS THEM ALL...
THE ROAR OF AN ANCIENT LION ANEW...
...THE HERALD OF THE ARAB MESSIAH.
IN 48 HOURS WE WILL MOVE AGAINST ARBIL AND SALAHUDIN. LAST YEAR, WE WITHDREW SWIFTLY AFTER OUR STRIKE ON THE KURDS.
THIS TIME, WE SHALL DEFY THEIR NORTHERN NO-FLY ZONE WITH A HEAVY AIR INCURSION. THE U.S. CANNOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITH ITS OWN ATTACK.
NOTHING REMAINS...
...BUT TO HEAD FOR AM SHARA.
MR. MURAI...
SIR.
I WILL AWAIT YOUR COMMAND.


...WILL YOU TAKE THIS LAST GIFT?
A GOOD NAME FOR THE FUTURE I GIVE YOU... *WAZIR MURAI*...A WISE COUNSELOR.
MAY I PROVE WORTHY OF IT.
AND THE *GUN*, WAZIR MURAI... THE GUN I NAME...
... *PROJECT BABYLON.*
PROJECT... BABYLON... ?
INDEED! LIKE A TOWER DEFYING THE HEAVENS!
VERY GOOD, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
TO AM SHARA, THEN, MY FRIEND.
WAZIR.
THE HOUR IS NIGH.
SIR!
THANK YOU, SIR!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

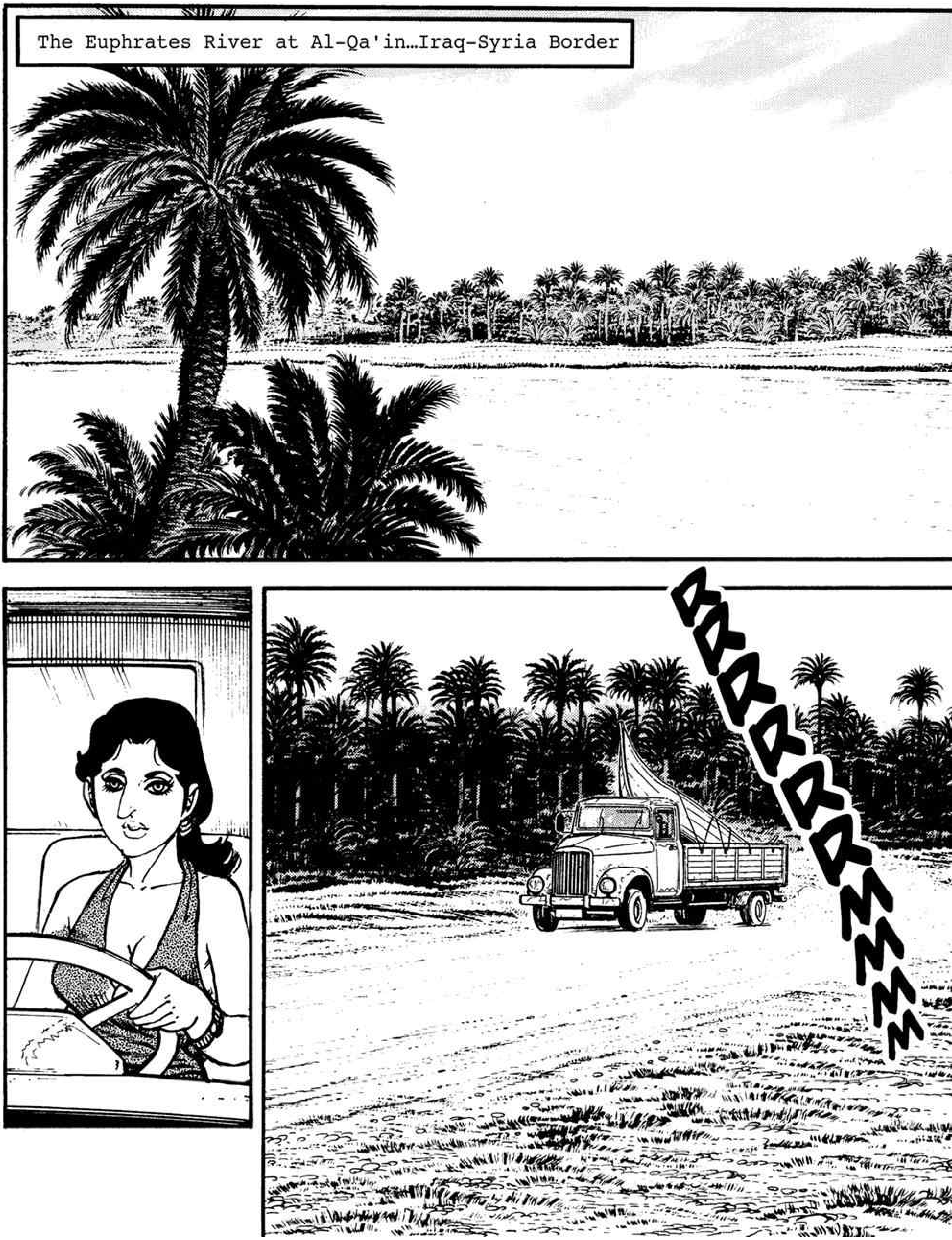

WHUKKKA
WHUKKKA
MR. MURAI, HURRY!
WHHRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

WHHRRRRRRRRRRRR
BASEBALL... BABYLON... I'VE LEARNED HOW TO TALK TO FOOLS.
MEN WHO WILL NEVER SEE THE LAWS OF HEAVEN...UNTIL I ALONE TRACE THEM IN THE SKIES...
...AND SET THEM IN THE EARTH.
RRRRRRRMMMMM


WHHRRRRRRRRRRRR
GENERAL... WE ARE CLEARED FOR LANDING.
TAKE US DOWN.

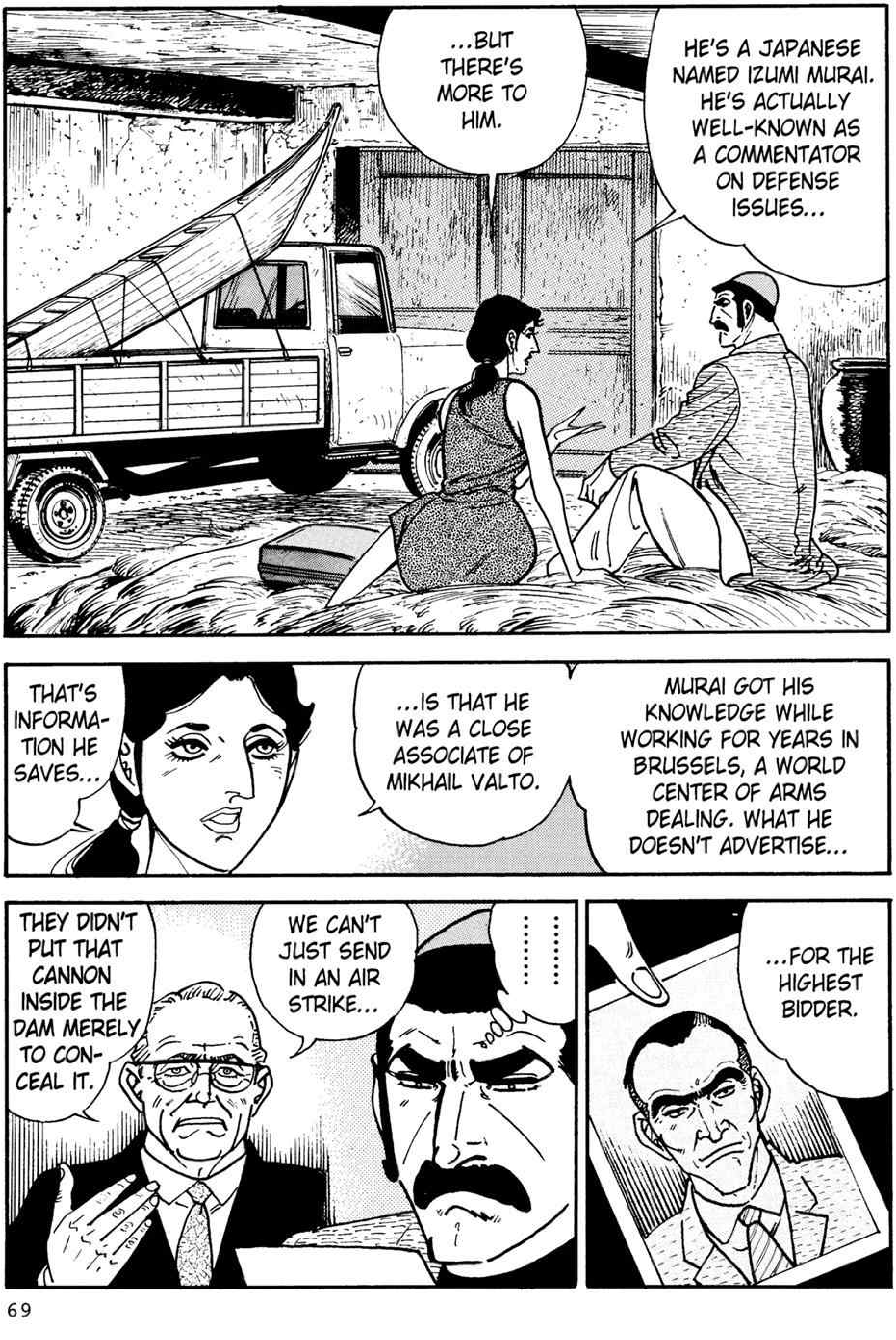
PART 9

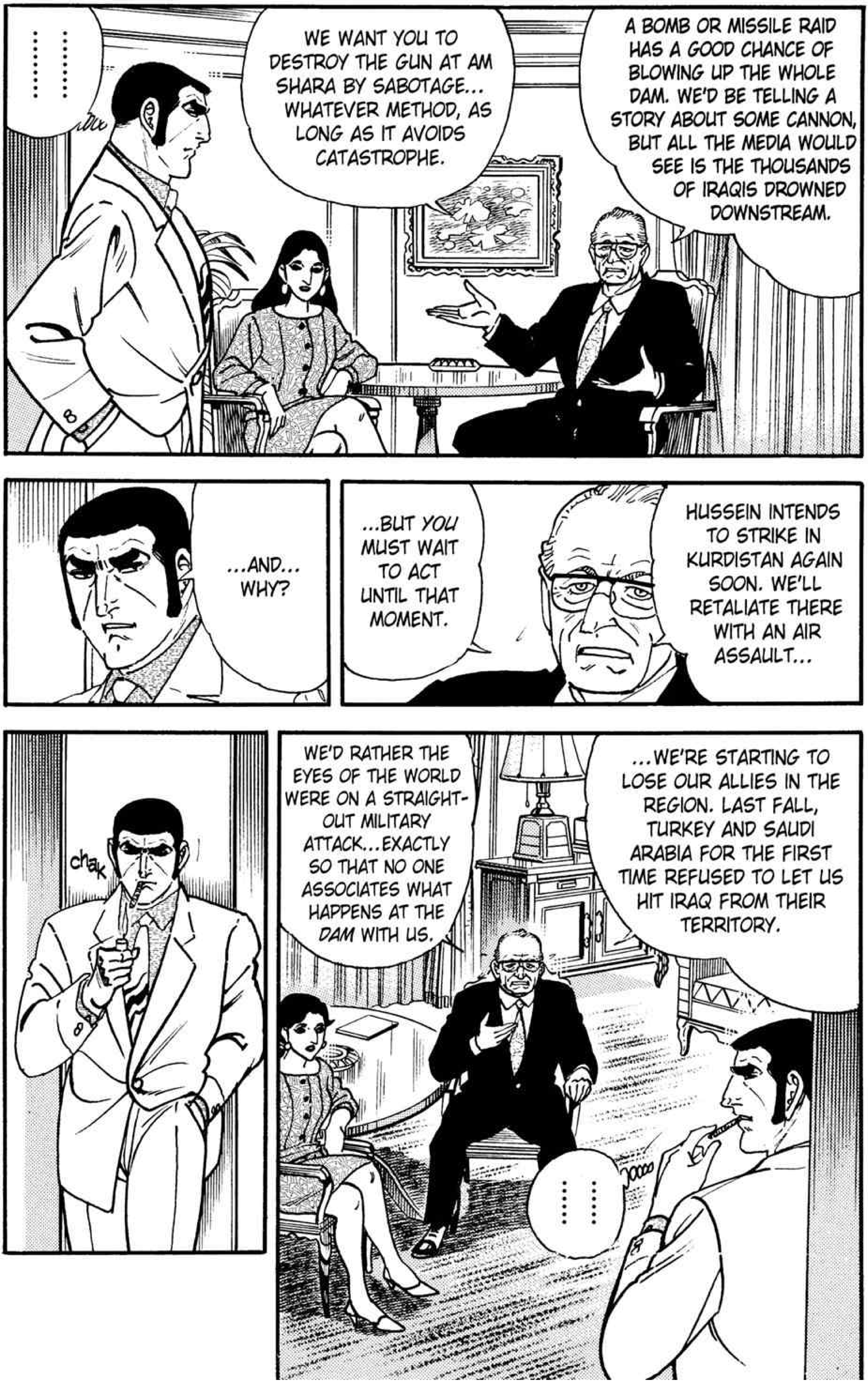
INVISIBLE WRITING


The Euphrates River at Al-Qa'in…Iraq-Syria Border
RRRRRRMMMM

VVRRRRRRMMMM

I-I'M GLAD WE COULD MEET AGAIN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I WASN'T FOLLOWED.
......
WE KNOW WHO'S DIRECTING THE SUPERGUN PROJECT.
IT'S THE LAST PIECE OF THE PUZZLE.


HE'S A JAPANESE NAMED IZUMI MURAI. HE'S ACTUALLY WELL-KNOWN AS A COMMENTATOR ON DEFENSE ISSUES...
...BUT THERE'S MORE TO HIM.
MURAI GOT HIS KNOWLEDGE WHILE WORKING FOR YEARS IN BRUSSELS, A WORLD CENTER OF ARMS DEALING. WHAT HE DOESN'T ADVERTISE...
...IS THAT HE WAS A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MIKHAIL VALTO.
THAT'S INFORMATION HE SAVES...
...FOR THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
......
WE CAN'T JUST SEND IN AN AIR STRIKE...
THEY DIDN'T PUT THAT CANNON INSIDE THE DAM MERELY TO CONCEAL IT.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WE WANT YOU TO DESTROY THE GUN AT AM SHARA BY SABOTAGE… WHATEVER METHOD, AS LONG AS IT AVOIDS CATASTROPHE.
A BOMB OR MISSILE RAID HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BLOWING UP THE WHOLE DAM. WE'D BE TELLING A STORY ABOUT SOME CANNON, BUT ALL THE MEDIA WOULD SEE IS THE THOUSANDS OF IRAQIS DROWNED DOWNSTREAM.
…AND… WHY?
HUSSEIN INTENDS TO STRIKE IN KURDISTAN AGAIN SOON. WE'LL RETALIATE THERE WITH AN AIR ASSAULT…
…BUT *YOU* MUST WAIT TO ACT UNTIL THAT MOMENT.
chak
…WE'RE STARTING TO LOSE OUR ALLIES IN THE REGION. LAST FALL, TURKEY AND SAUDI ARABIA FOR THE FIRST TIME REFUSED TO LET US HIT IRAQ FROM THEIR TERRITORY.
WE'D RATHER THE EYES OF THE WORLD WERE ON A STRAIGHT-OUT MILITARY ATTACK…EXACTLY SO THAT NO ONE ASSOCIATES WHAT HAPPENS AT THE *DAM* WITH US.
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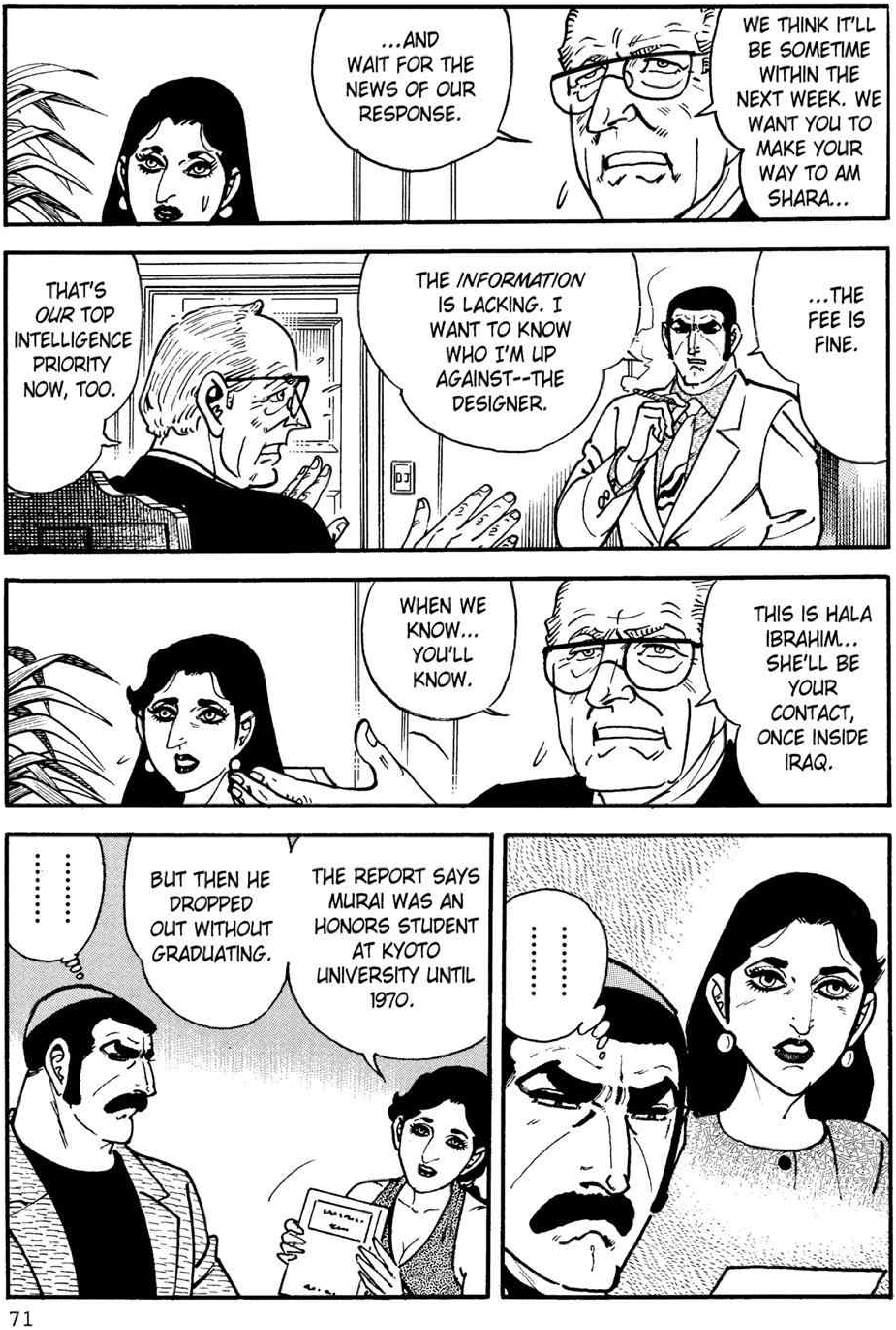
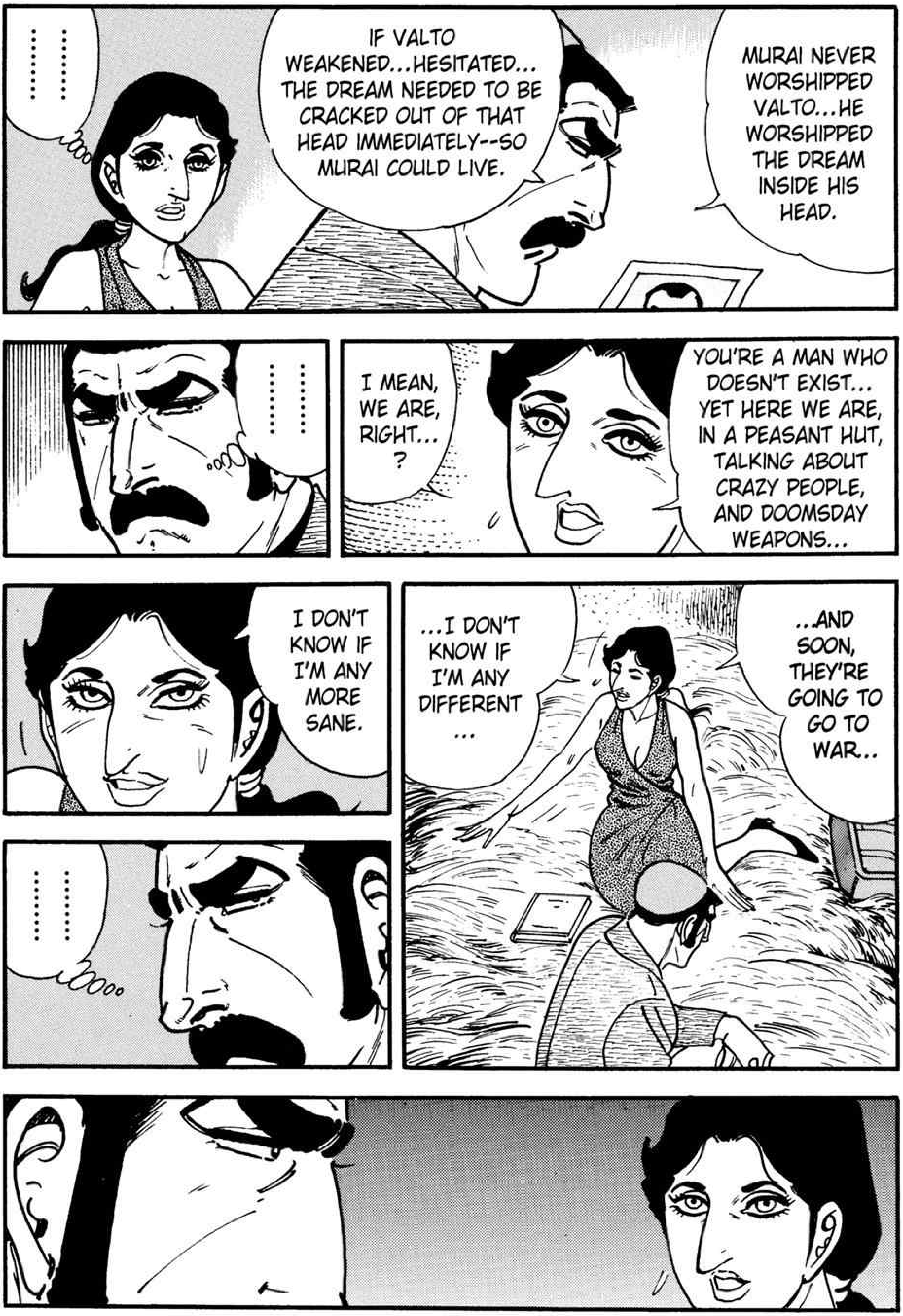

WE THINK IT'LL BE SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. WE WANT YOU TO MAKE YOUR WAY TO AM SHARA...
...AND WAIT FOR THE NEWS OF OUR RESPONSE.
...THE FEE IS FINE.
THE *INFORMATION* IS LACKING. I WANT TO KNOW WHO I'M UP AGAINST--THE DESIGNER.
THAT'S *OUR* TOP INTELLIGENCE PRIORITY NOW, TOO.
THIS IS HALA IBRAHIM... SHE'LL BE YOUR CONTACT, ONCE INSIDE IRAQ.
WHEN WE KNOW... YOU'LL KNOW.
......
THE REPORT SAYS MURAI WAS AN HONORS STUDENT AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY UNTIL 1970.
BUT THEN HE DROPPED OUT WITHOUT GRADUATING.
......

IT'S A BIZARRE ACCOUNT...HE WENT OFF TO FOLLOW VALTO AS IF HE WAS HIS GURU. A SCHOOL ACQUAINTANCE SAID MURAI SPOKE OF BALLISTICS IN ALMOST RELIGIOUS TERMS.
VALTO RECOGNIZED THE YOUNG MAN AS A DISCIPLE...
...THE SON HE NEVER HAD.
DR. VALTO NAMED HIS DEFENSE CONSULTANT FIRM *PRINTEMPS SCS*-- THE "SPRING" COMPANY, AS IN THE SEASON...
THAT'S WHAT IZUMI MURAI'S FIRST NAME MEANT...
......
Jooo
HOWEVER, AND THIS IS STILL A MYSTERY...IN 1993, TWO YEARS AFTER THE UN WEAPONS INSPECTORS BROKE UP VALTO'S FIRST SUPERGUN PROJECT, HUSSEIN FUNDED A NEW ONE...
...BUT THE OLD MAN WAS BLUDGEONED, HIS PAPERS WERE STOLEN OR DESTROYED...
...AND MURAI TOOK OVER VALTO'S OLD JOB IN IRAQ.
BY ALL ACCOUNTS, MURAI *WORSHIPPED* HIS MENTOR HIS WHOLE LIFE...IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT HE WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM, JUST TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE PROGRAM...


MURAI NEVER WORSHIPPED VALTO...HE WORSHIPPED THE DREAM INSIDE HIS HEAD.
IF VALTO WEAKENED...HESITATED... THE DREAM NEEDED TO BE CRACKED OUT OF THAT HEAD IMMEDIATELY--SO MURAI COULD LIVE.
......
YOU'RE A MAN WHO DOESN'T EXIST... YET HERE WE ARE, IN A PEASANT HUT, TALKING ABOUT CRAZY PEOPLE, AND DOOMSDAY WEAPONS...
I MEAN, WE ARE, RIGHT... ?
......
..AND SOON, THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO WAR..
...I DON'T KNOW IF I'M ANY DIFFERENT ...
I DON'T KNOW IF I'M ANY MORE SANE.
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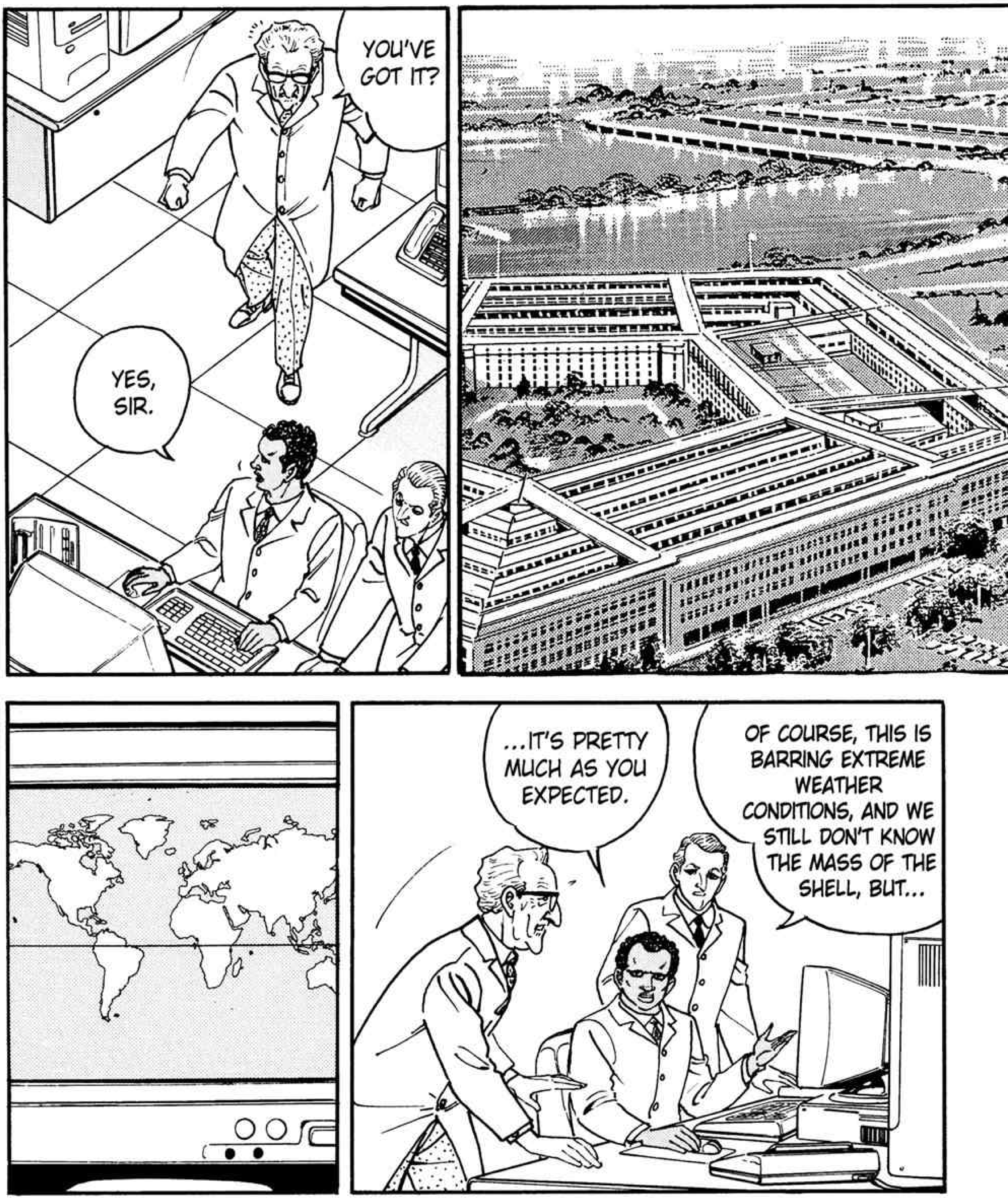
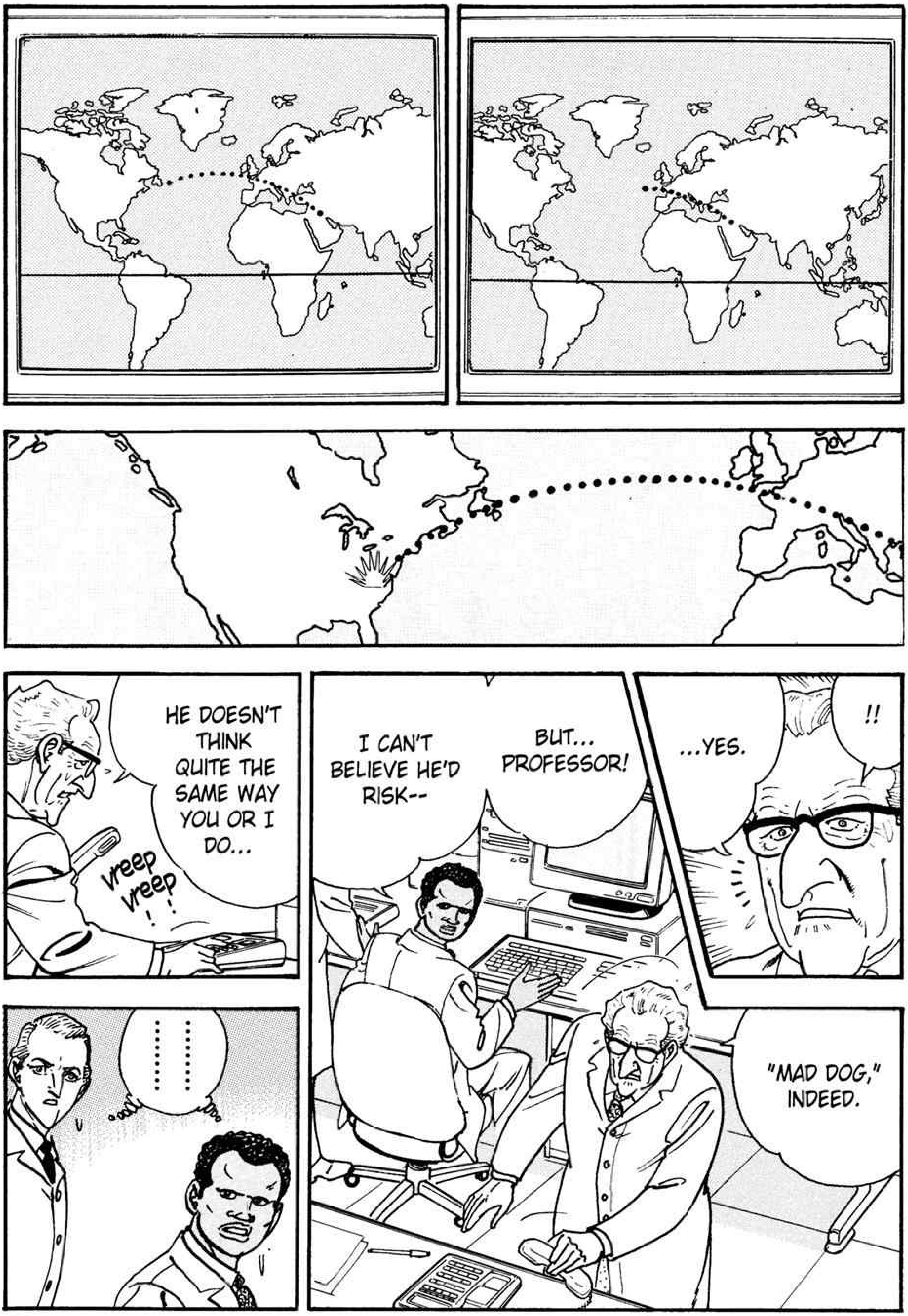
uhhhh
aaah
AAAAH!

oh...
ohhhh...

PART 10 STRIKE ZONE


YOU'VE GOT IT?
YES, SIR.
...IT'S PRETTY MUCH AS YOU EXPECTED.
OF COURSE, THIS IS BARRING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW THE MASS OF THE SHELL, BUT...


HE DOESN'T THINK QUITE THE SAME WAY YOU OR I DO...
vreep vreep
...YES.
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......
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'D RISK--
BUT... PROFESSOR!
"MAD DOG," INDEED.

HOW...HOW ACCURATE, PRECISELY, IS THAT GUN SUPPOSED TO BE?
THE MARGIN OF ERROR...IS ABOUT FIFTY OR SIXTY YARDS...THAT MAY NOT SOUND VERY IMPRESSIVE, BUT FROM 6200 MILES AWAY...
...YOU MIGHT AS WELL CALL IT A SNIPER RIFLE, MR. PRESIDENT...
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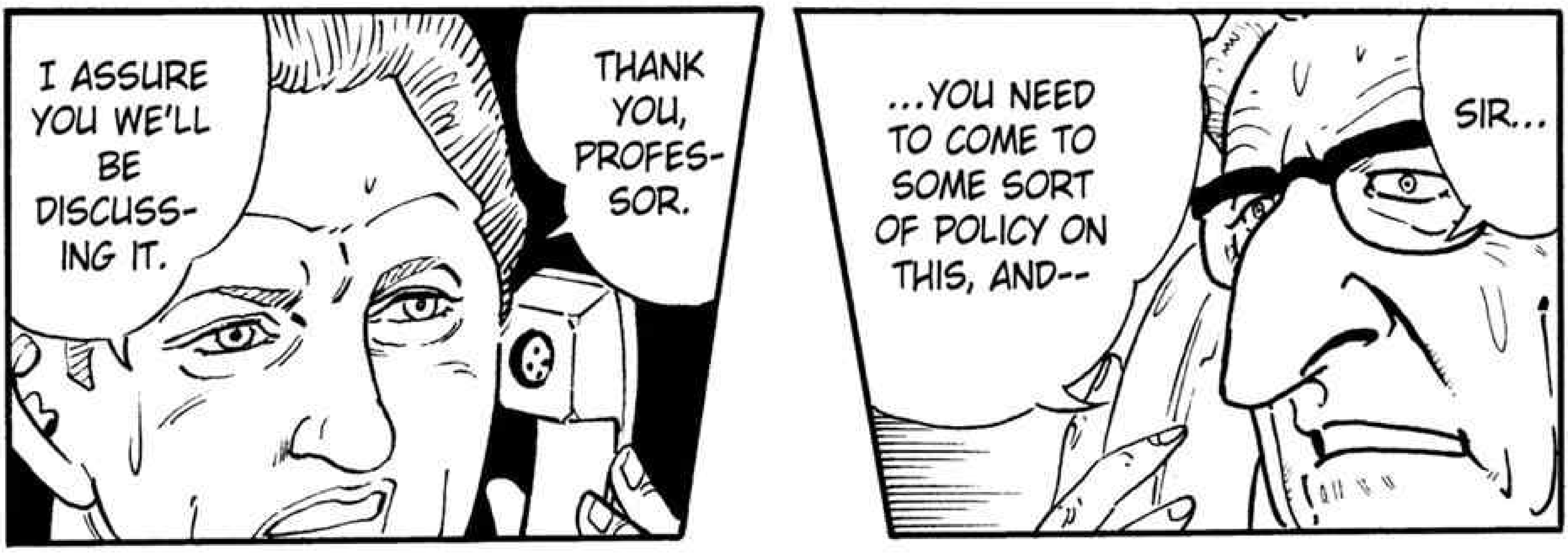
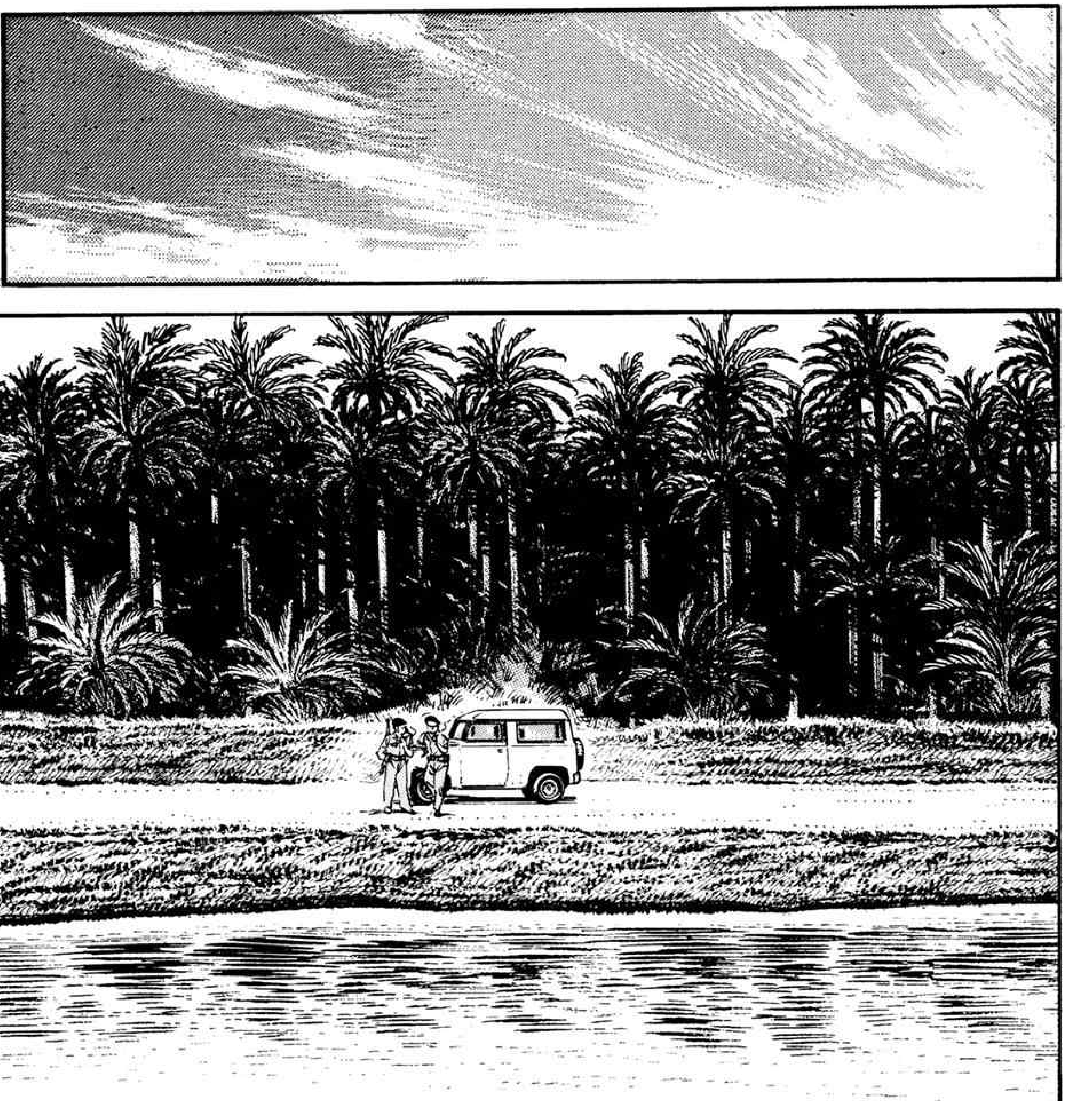
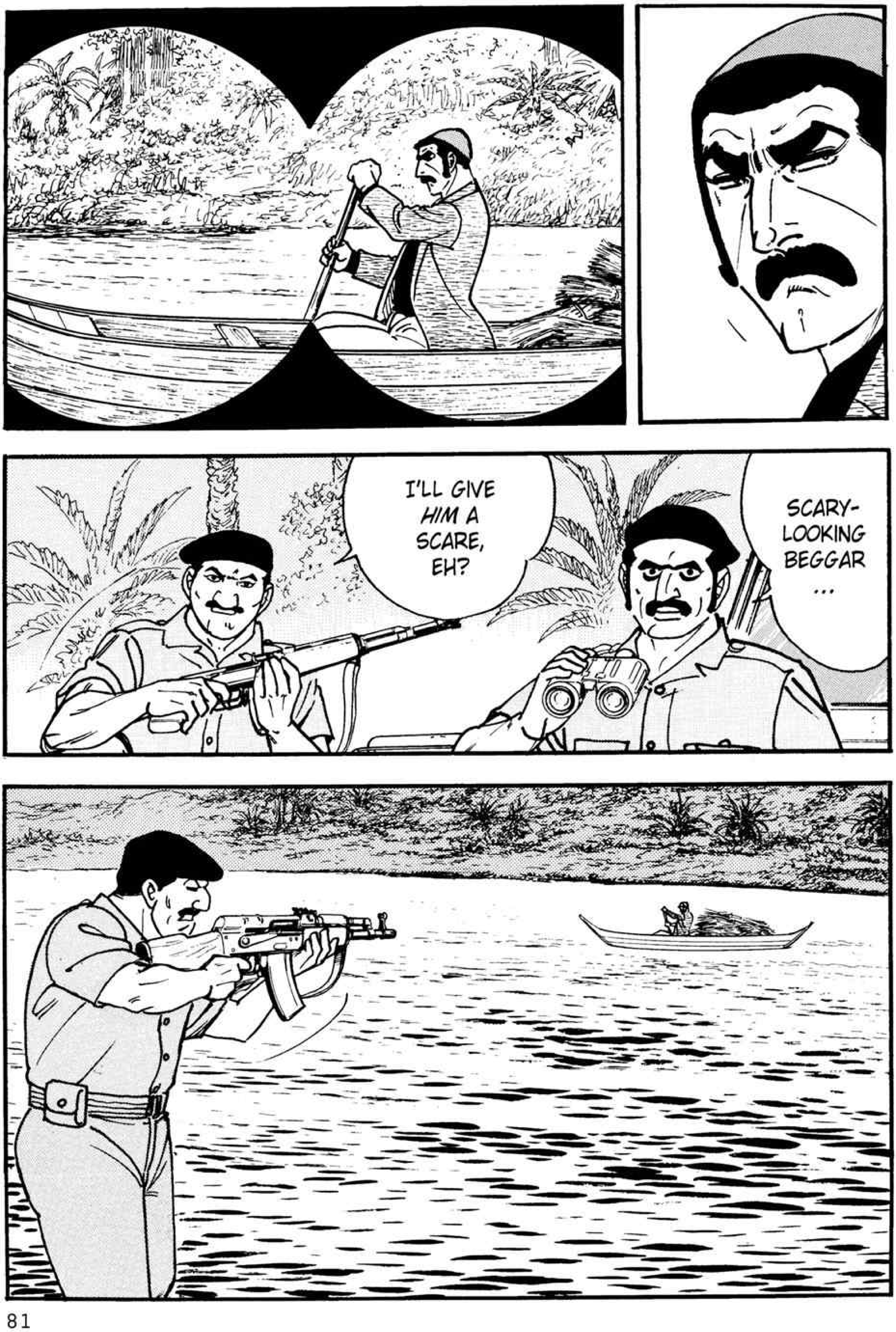
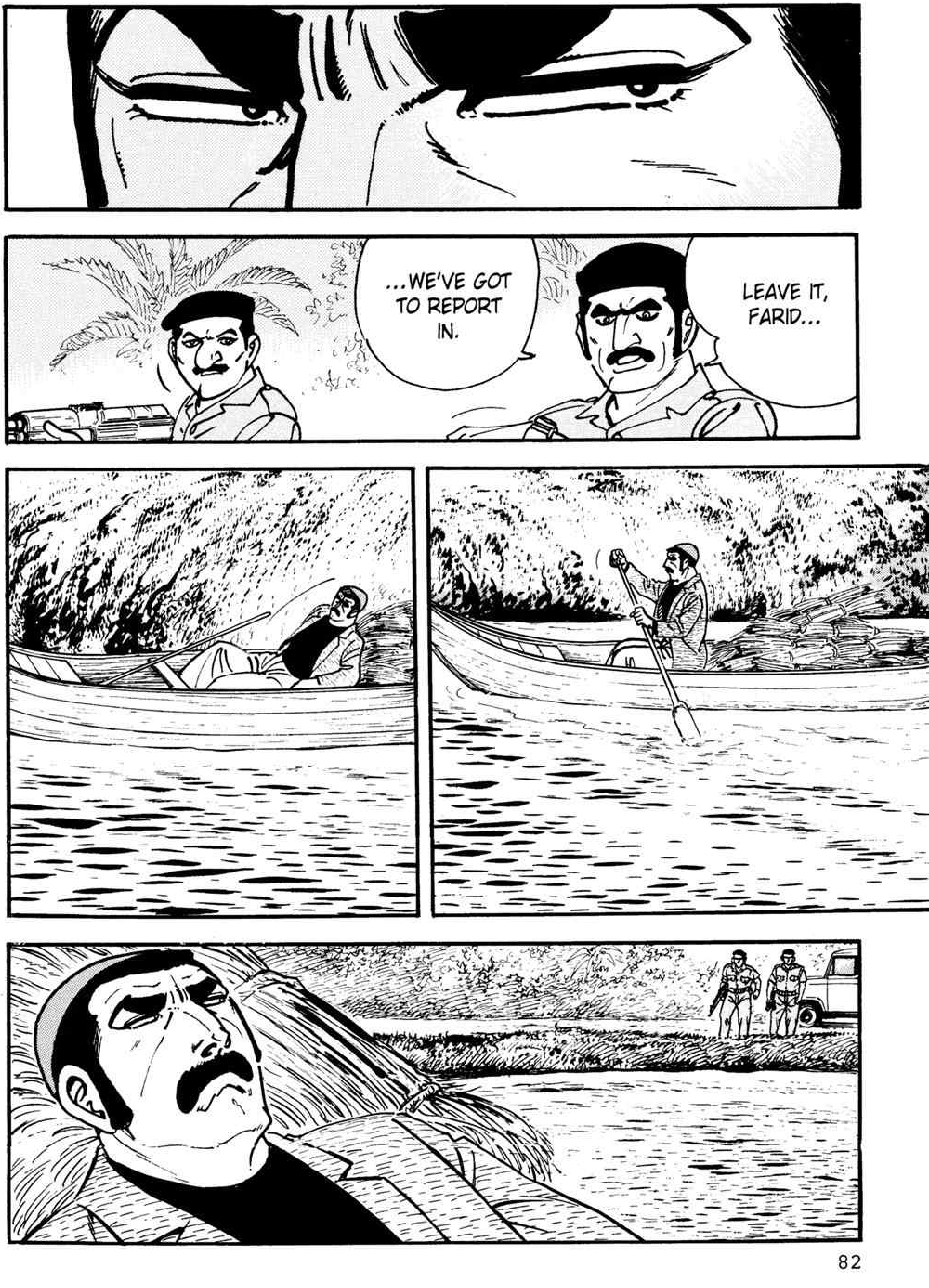

SIR...
...YOU NEED TO COME TO SOME SORT OF POLICY ON THIS, AND--
THANK YOU, PROFESSOR.
I ASSURE YOU WE'LL BE DISCUSSING IT.

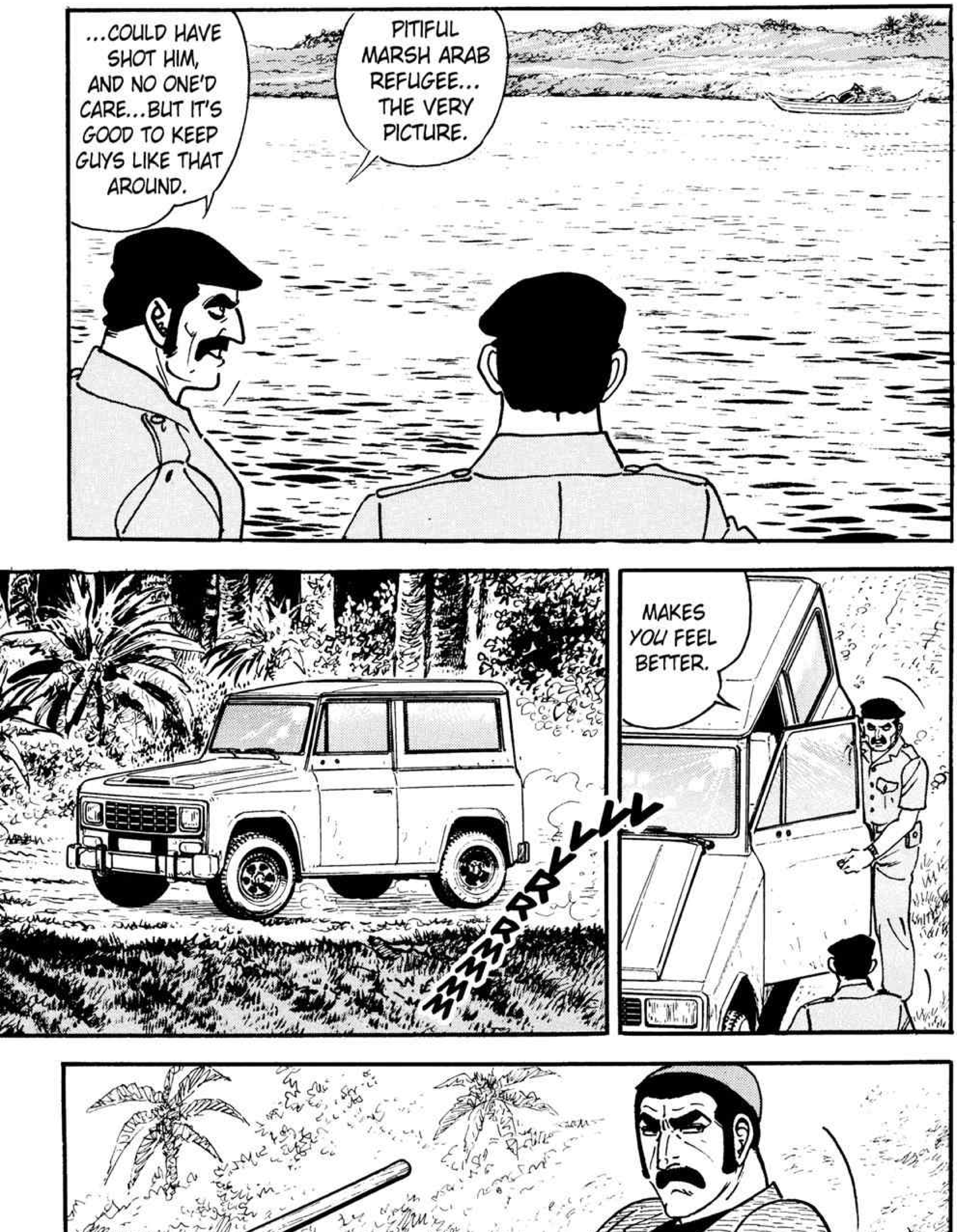
PART 11 RIVER PASSAGE

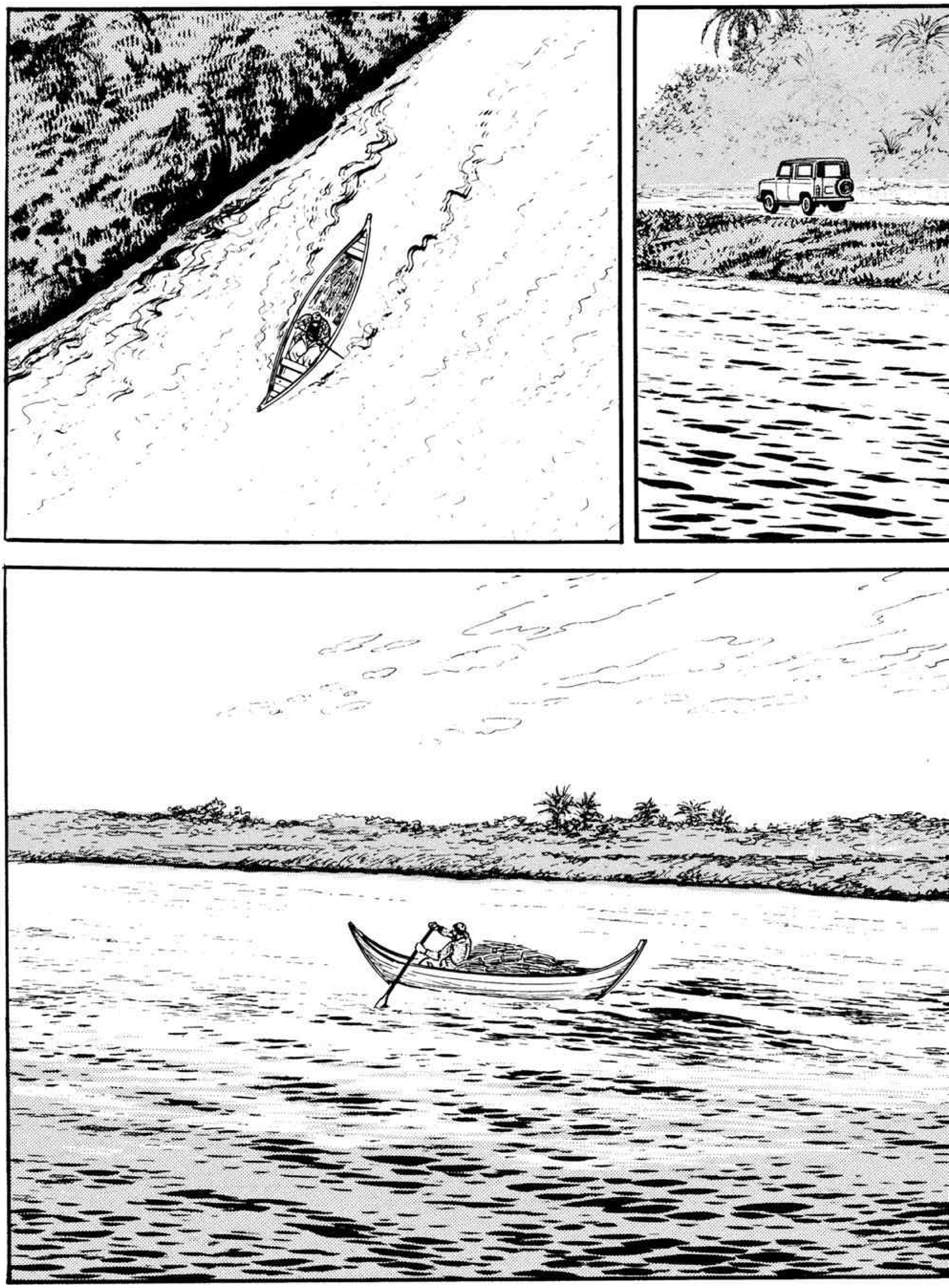


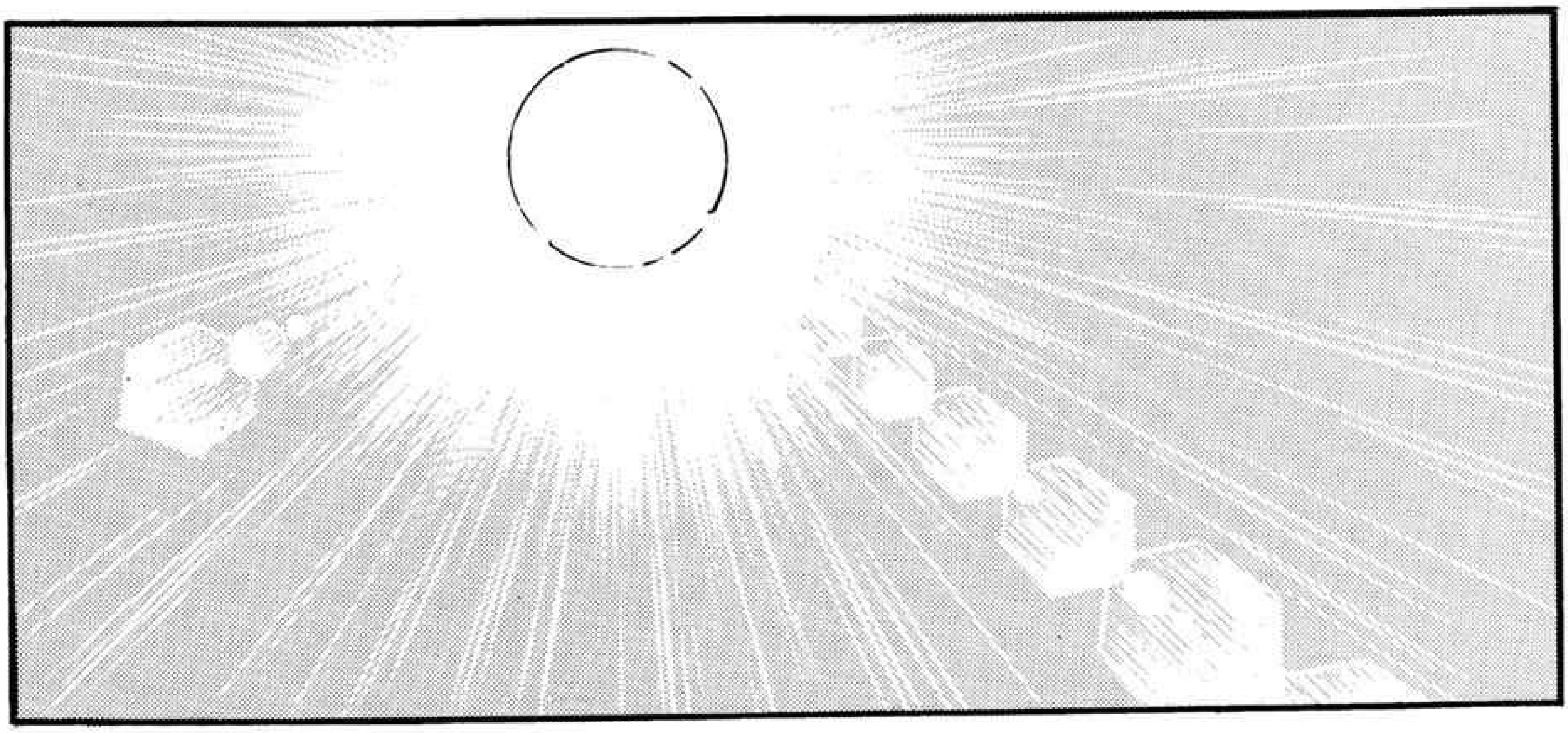
FARID.


SCARY-LOOKING BEGGAR ...
I'LL GIVE *HIM* A SCARE, EH?

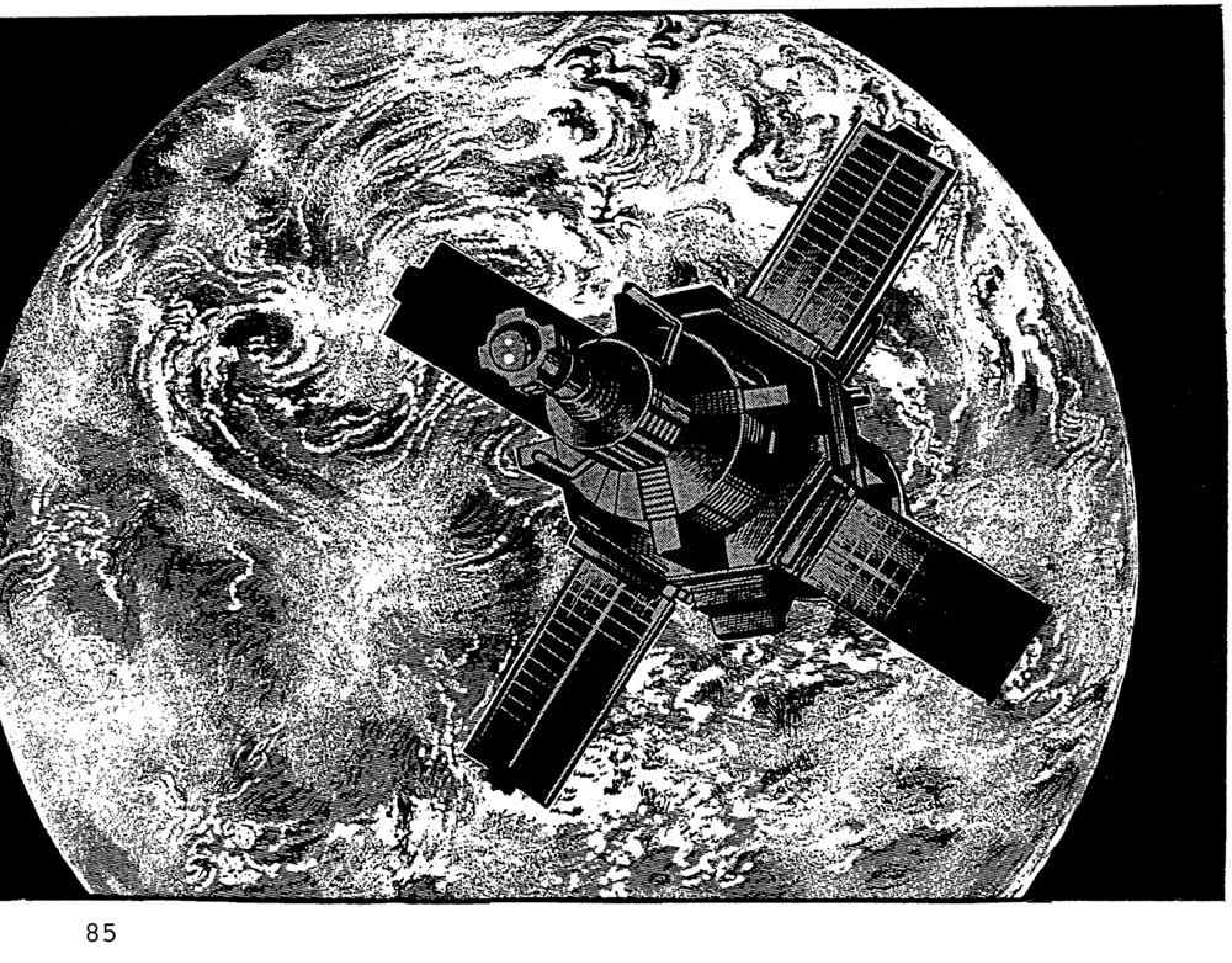

LEAVE IT, FARID...
...WE'VE GOT TO REPORT IN.


...COULD HAVE SHOT HIM, AND NO ONE'D CARE...BUT IT'S GOOD TO KEEP GUYS LIKE THAT AROUND.
PITIFUL MARSH ARAB REFUGEE... THE VERY PICTURE.
VVVVRRRMMMMM
MAKES *YOU* FEEL BETTER.

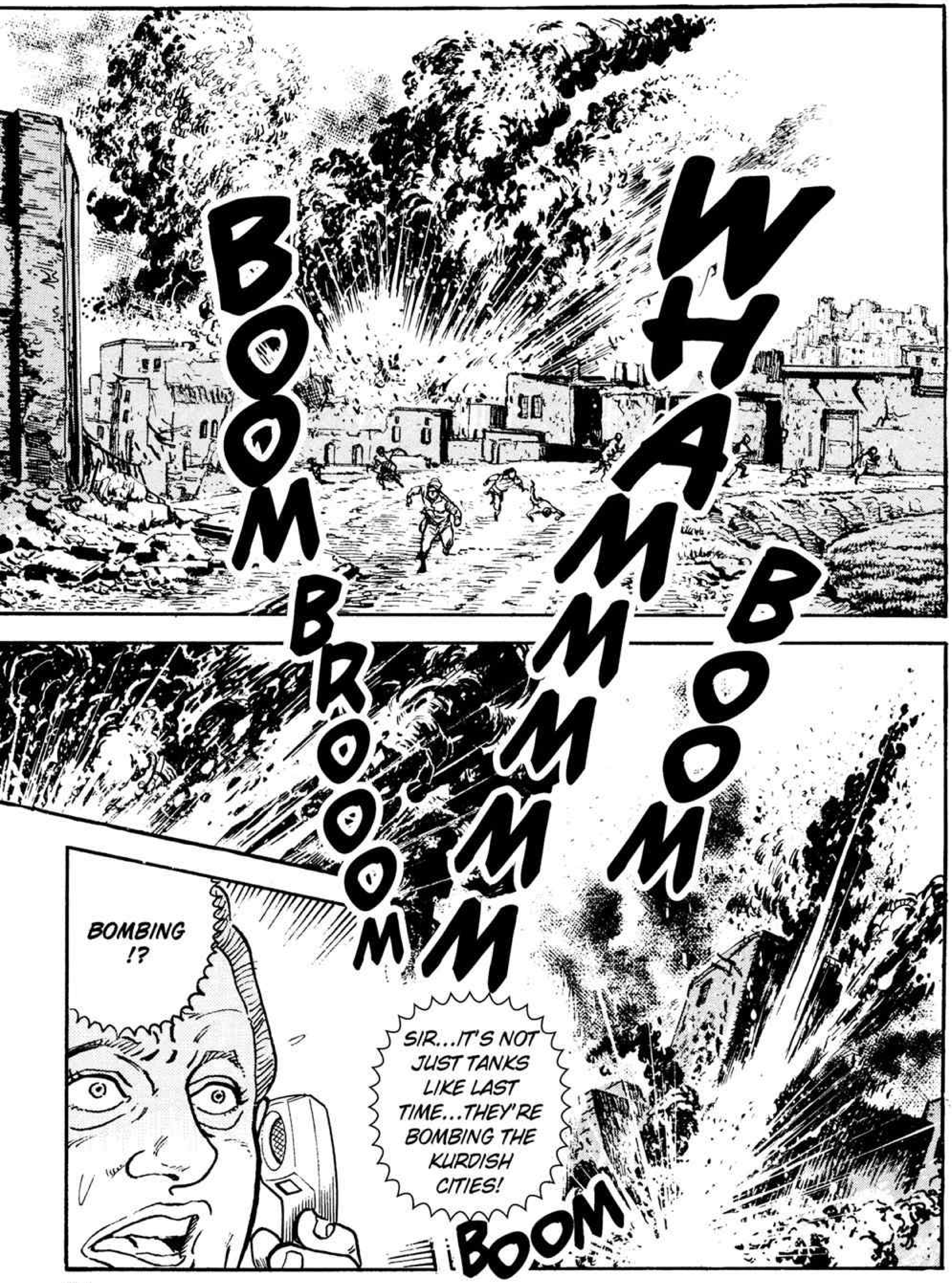


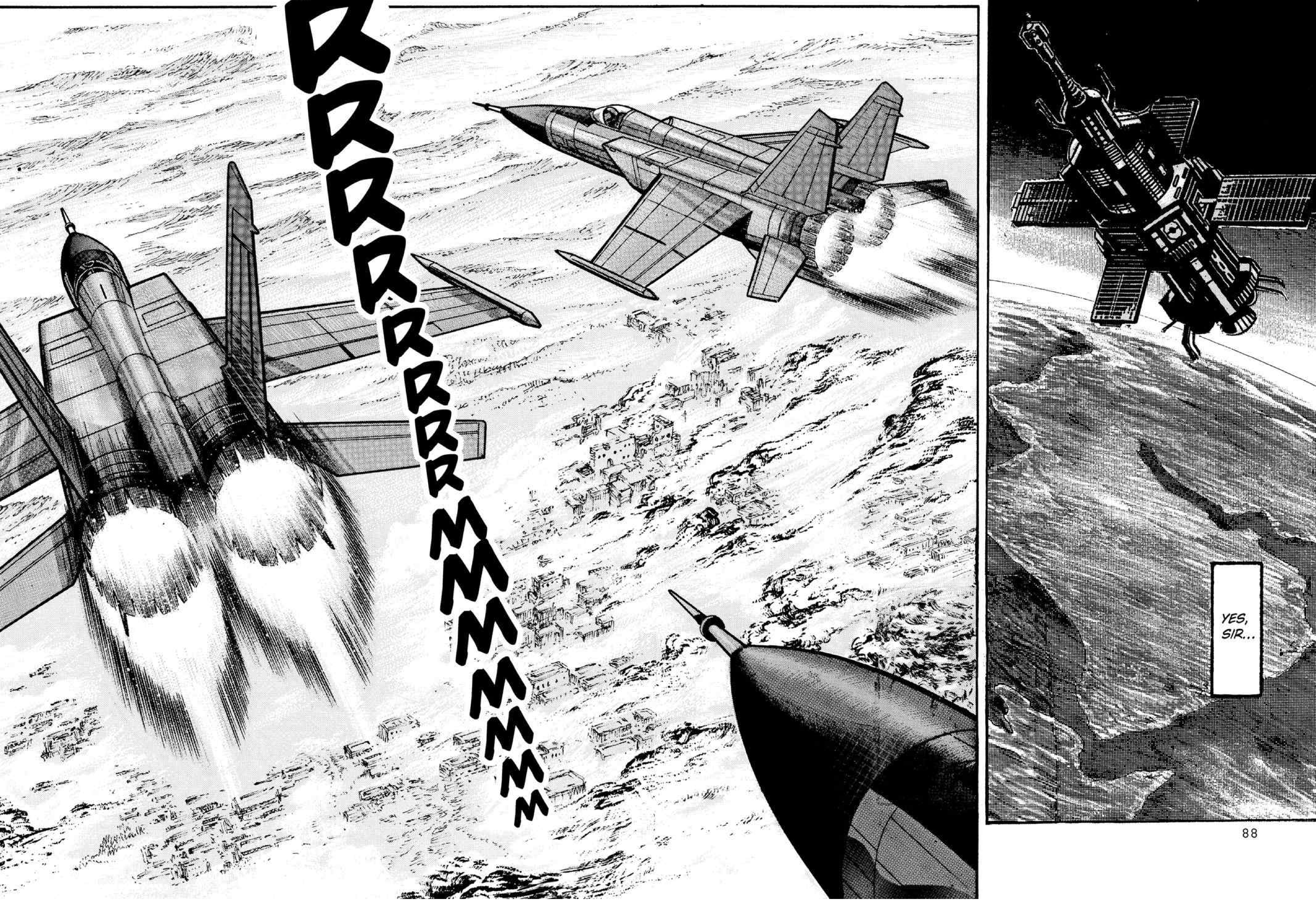


PART 12 BREACHING THE NO-FLY ZONE

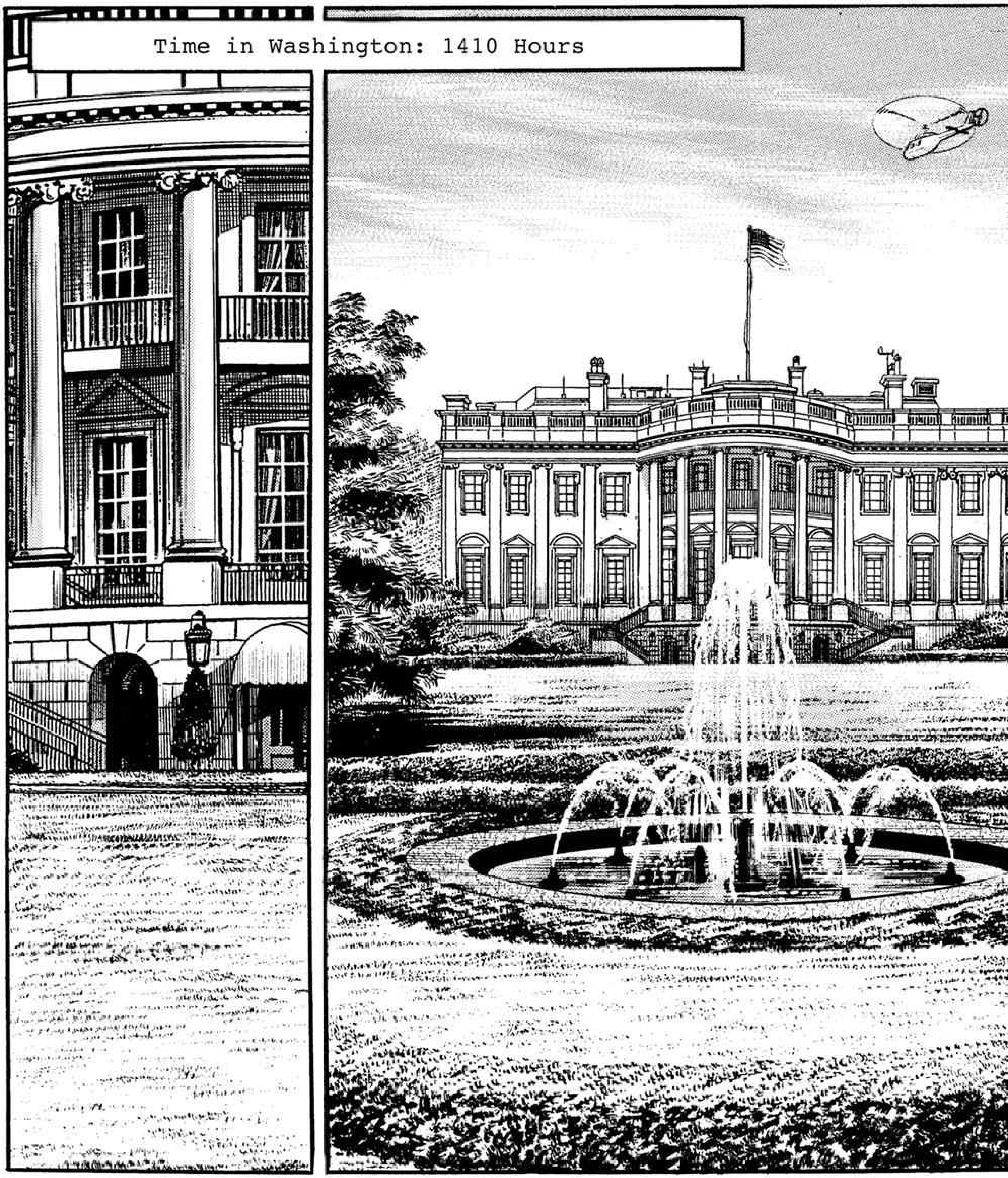


VVREEEEEEEEEEEEEE
WHUMF
WHUMF
WHUMF
WHUMF


BOOM
WHAMMMMMM
BROOOM
BOOM
BOMBING !?
SIR...IT'S NOT JUST TANKS LIKE LAST TIME...THEY'RE BOMBING THE KURDISH CITIES!
BOOM


YES, SIR...
RRRRRRRRRMMMMMMM

PART 13 WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE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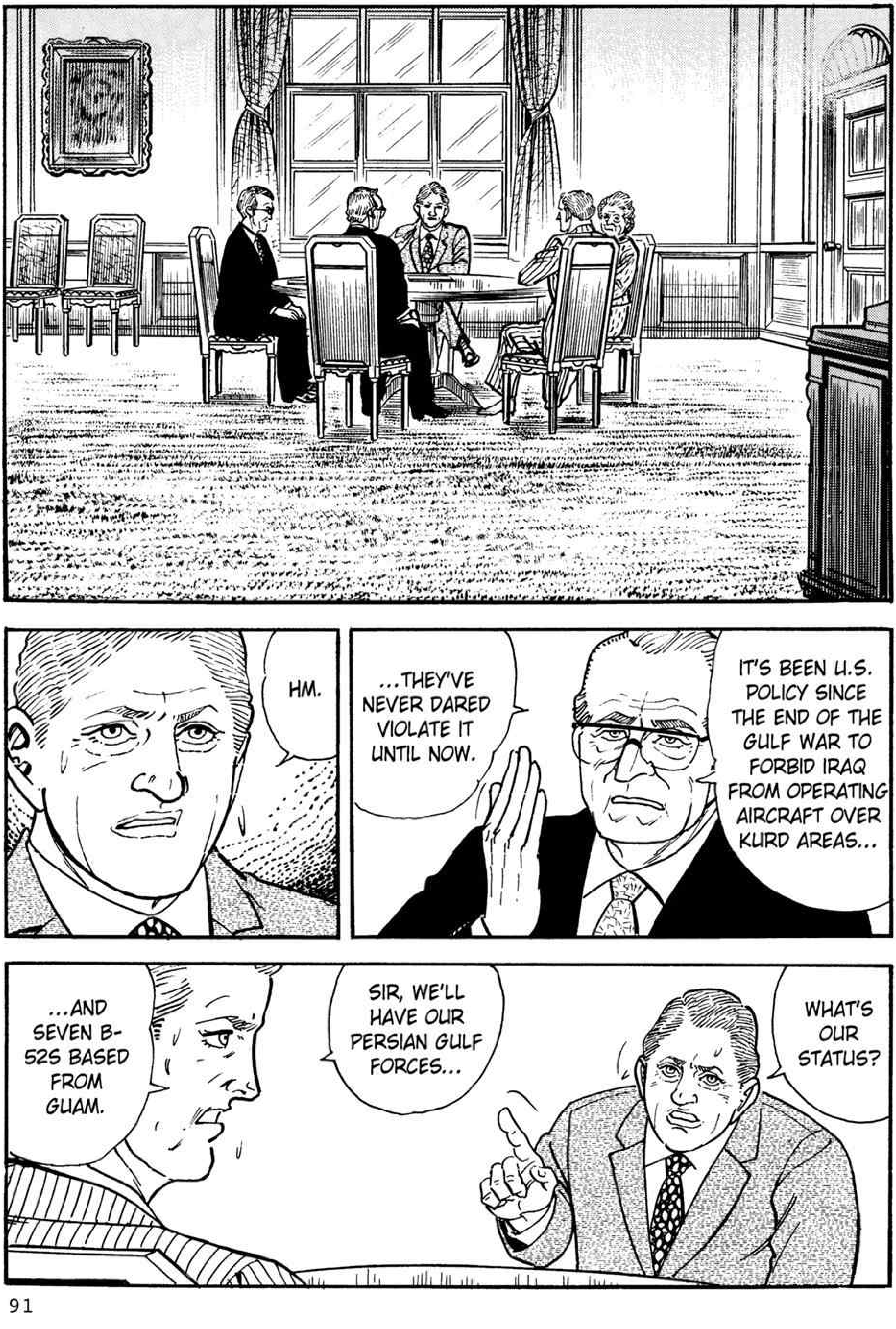
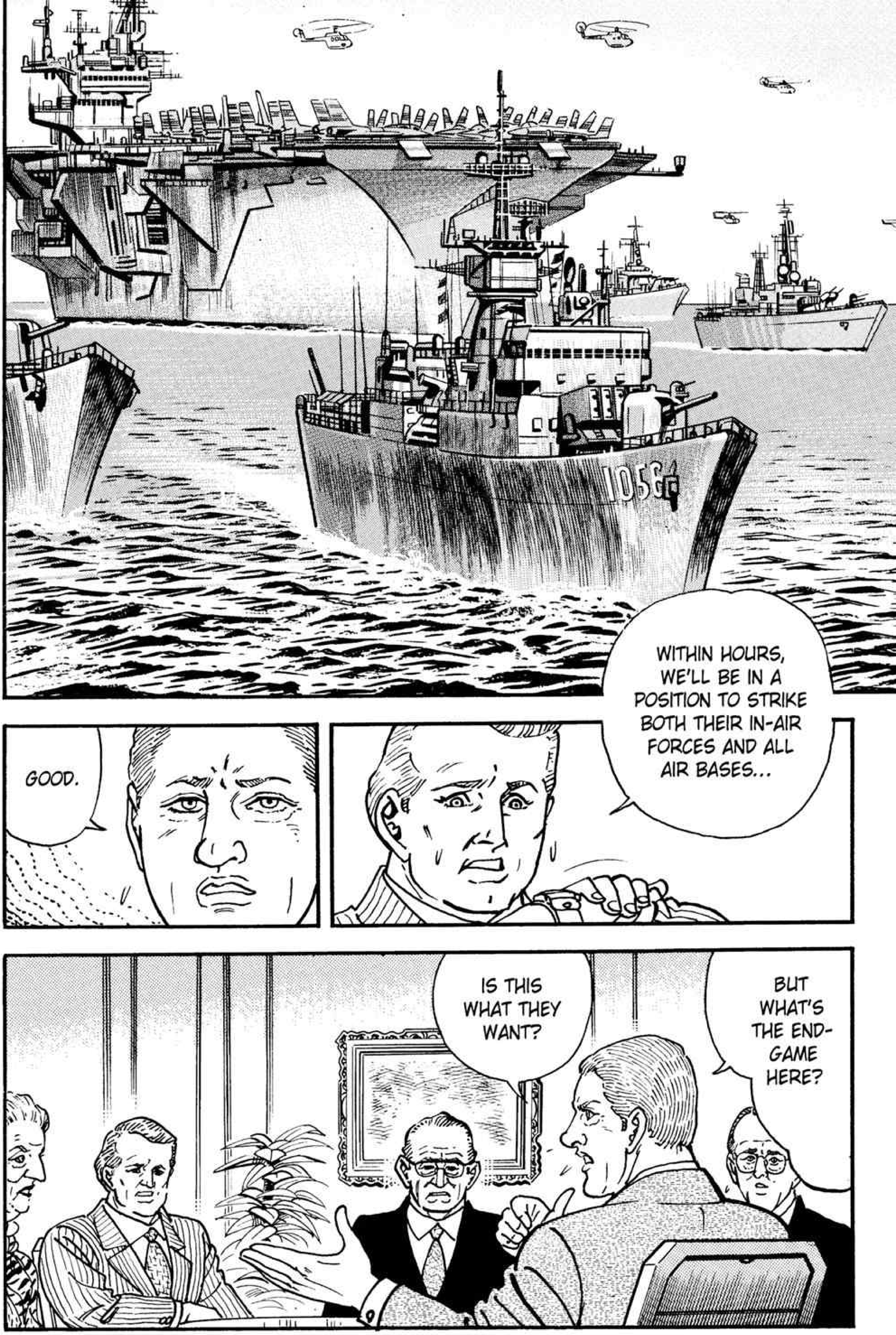

IT'S BEEN U.S. POLICY SINCE THE END OF THE GULF WAR TO FORBID IRAQ FROM OPERATING AIRCRAFT OVER KURD AREAS...
...THEY'VE NEVER DARED VIOLATE IT UNTIL NOW.
HM.
WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
SIR, WE'LL HAVE OUR PERSIAN GULF FORCES...
...AND SEVEN B-52S BASED FROM GUAM.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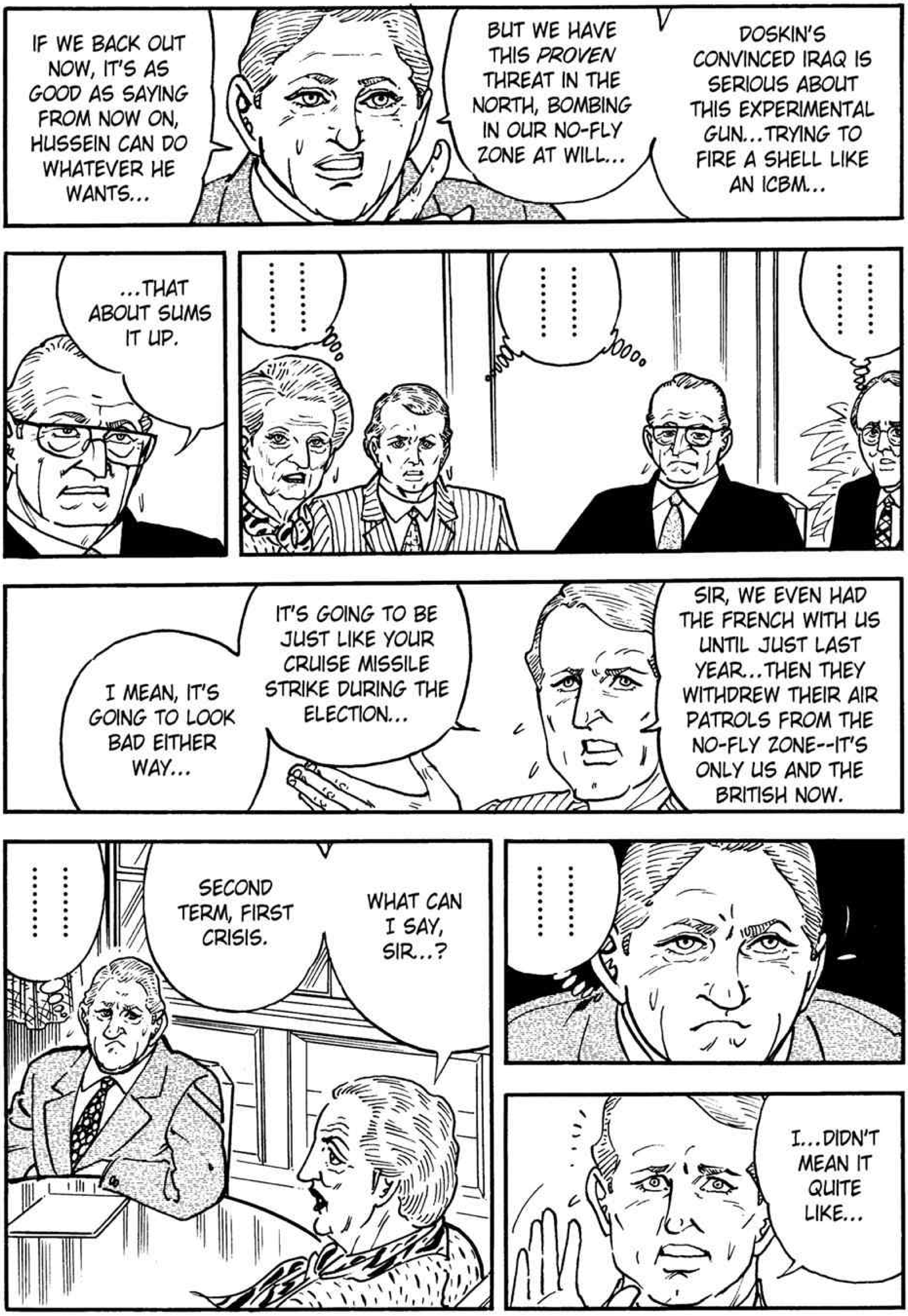
WITHIN HOURS, WE'LL BE IN A POSITION TO STRIKE BOTH THEIR IN-AIR FORCES AND ALL AIR BASES...
GOOD.
IS THIS WHAT THEY WANT?
BUT WHAT'S THE END-GAME HERE?


IF WE BACK OUT NOW, IT'S AS GOOD AS SAYING FROM NOW ON, HUSSEIN CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS...
BUT WE HAVE THIS *PROVEN* THREAT IN THE NORTH, BOMBING IN OUR NO-FLY ZONE AT WILL...
DOSKIN'S CONVINCED IRAQ IS SERIOUS ABOUT THIS EXPERIMENTAL GUN...TRYING TO FIRE A SHELL LIKE AN ICBM...
...THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP.
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I MEAN, IT'S GOING TO LOOK BAD EITHER WAY...
IT'S GOING TO BE JUST LIKE YOUR CRUISE MISSILE STRIKE DURING THE ELECTION...
SIR, WE EVEN HAD THE FRENCH WITH US UNTIL JUST LAST YEAR...THEN THEY WITHDREW THEIR AIR PATROLS FROM THE NO-FLY ZONE--IT'S ONLY US AND THE BRITISH NOW.
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SECOND TERM, FIRST CRISIS.
WHAT CAN I SAY, SIR..?
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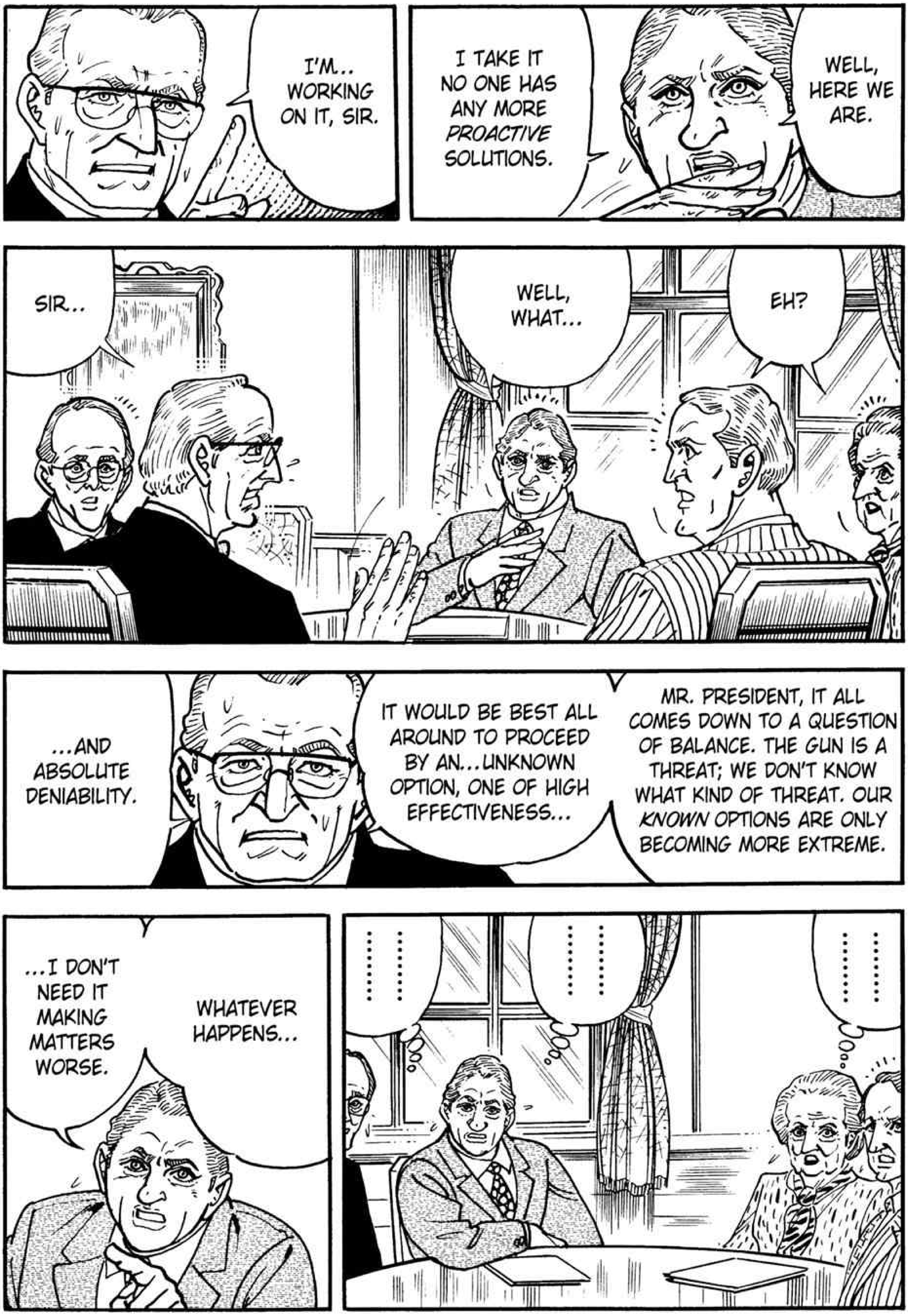
I...DIDN'T MEAN IT QUITE LIKE...


WELL, HERE WE ARE.
I TAKE IT NO ONE HAS ANY MORE *PROACTIVE* SOLUTIONS.
I'M.. WORKING ON IT, SIR.
EH?
WELL, WHAT...
SIR..
MR. PRESIDENT, IT ALL COMES DOWN TO A QUESTION OF BALANCE. THE GUN IS A THREAT; WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF THREAT. OUR *KNOWN* OPTIONS ARE ONLY BECOMING MORE EXTREME.
IT WOULD BE BEST ALL AROUND TO PROCEED BY AN...UNKNOWN OPTION, ONE OF HIGH EFFECTIVENESS...
...AND ABSOLUTE DENIABILITY.
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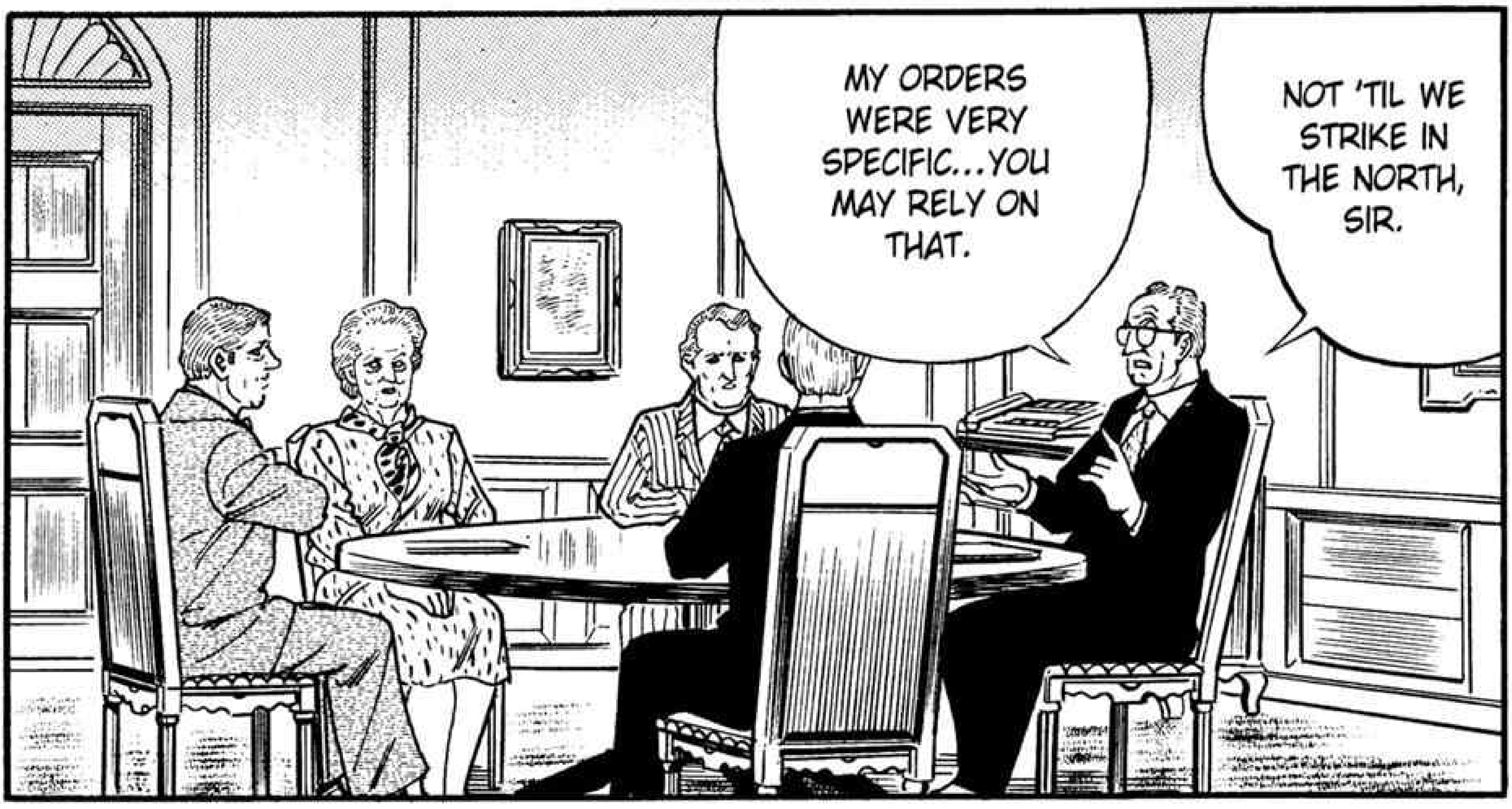
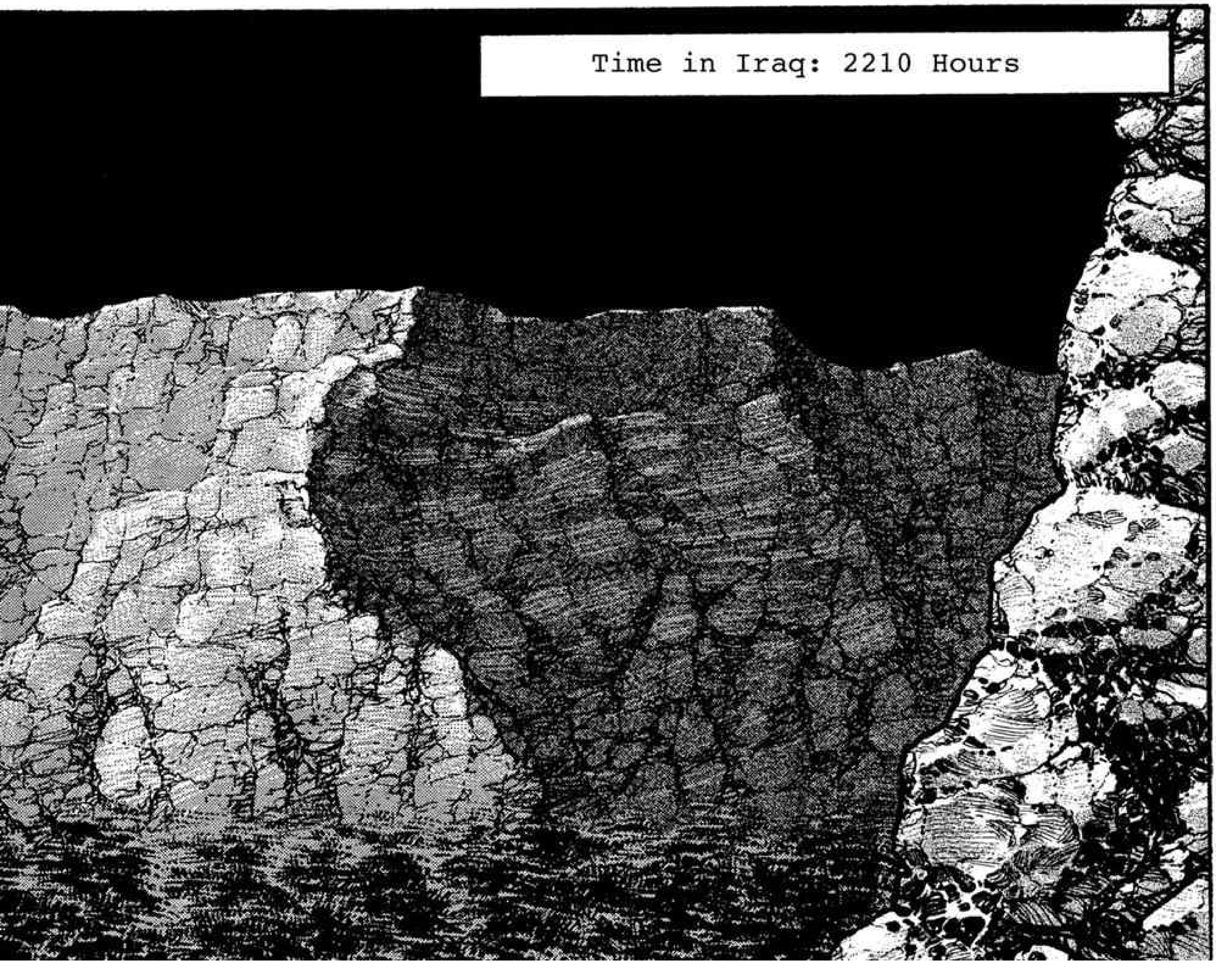
WHATEVER HAPPENS...
...I DON'T NEED IT MAKING MATTERS WORSE.


MY ORDERS WERE VERY SPECIFIC...YOU MAY RELY ON THAT.
NOT 'TIL WE STRIKE IN THE NORTH, SIR.

PART 14 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES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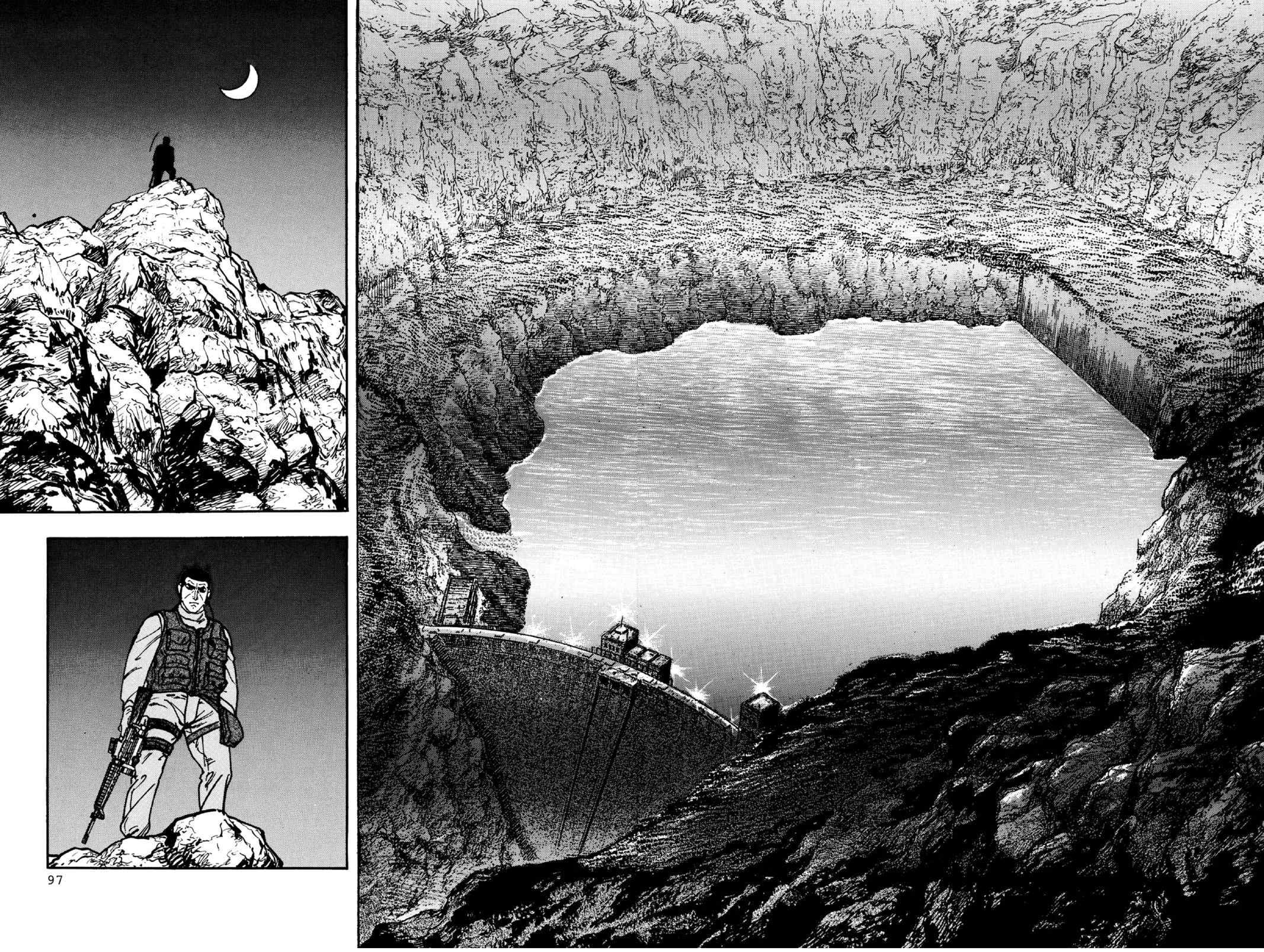

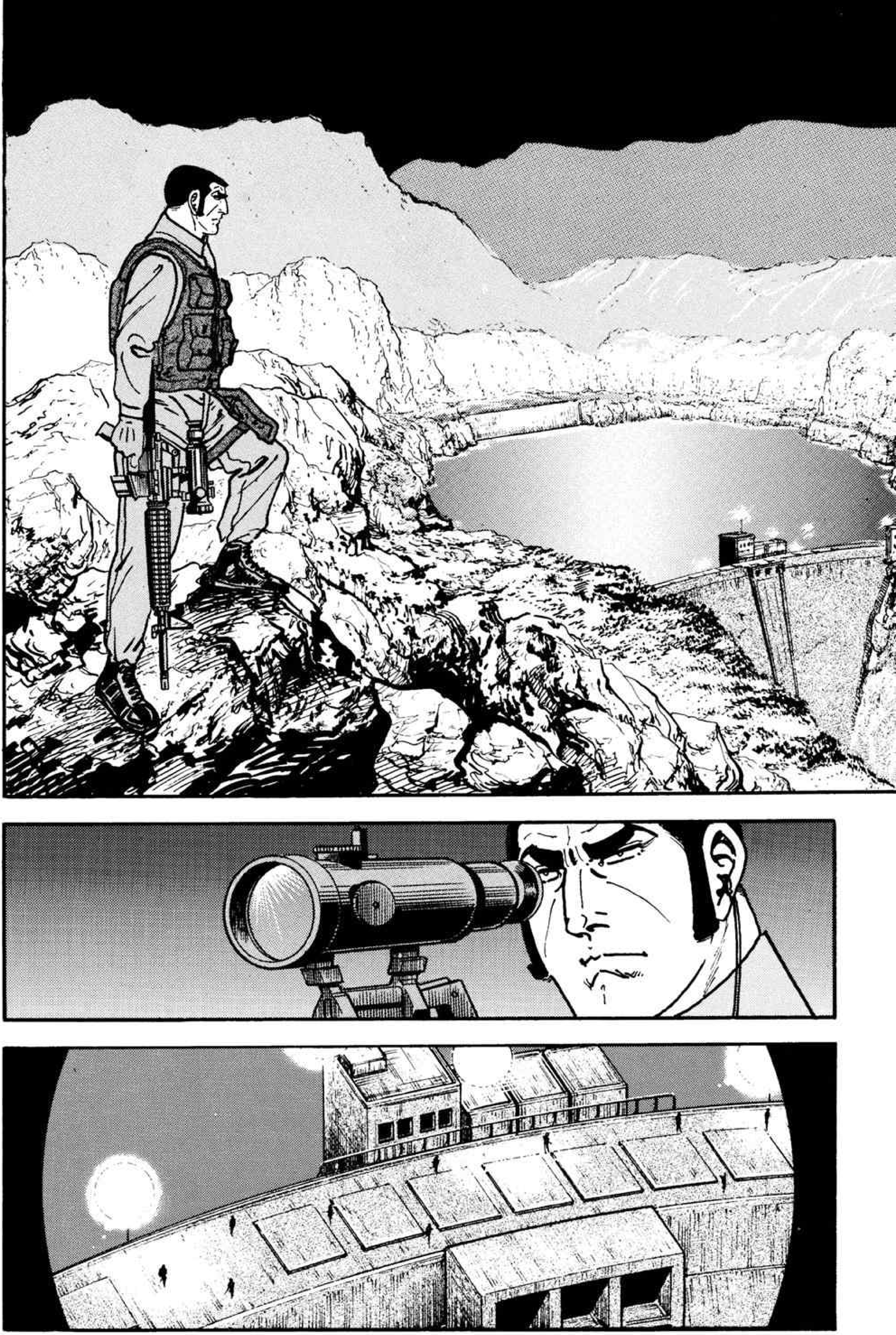

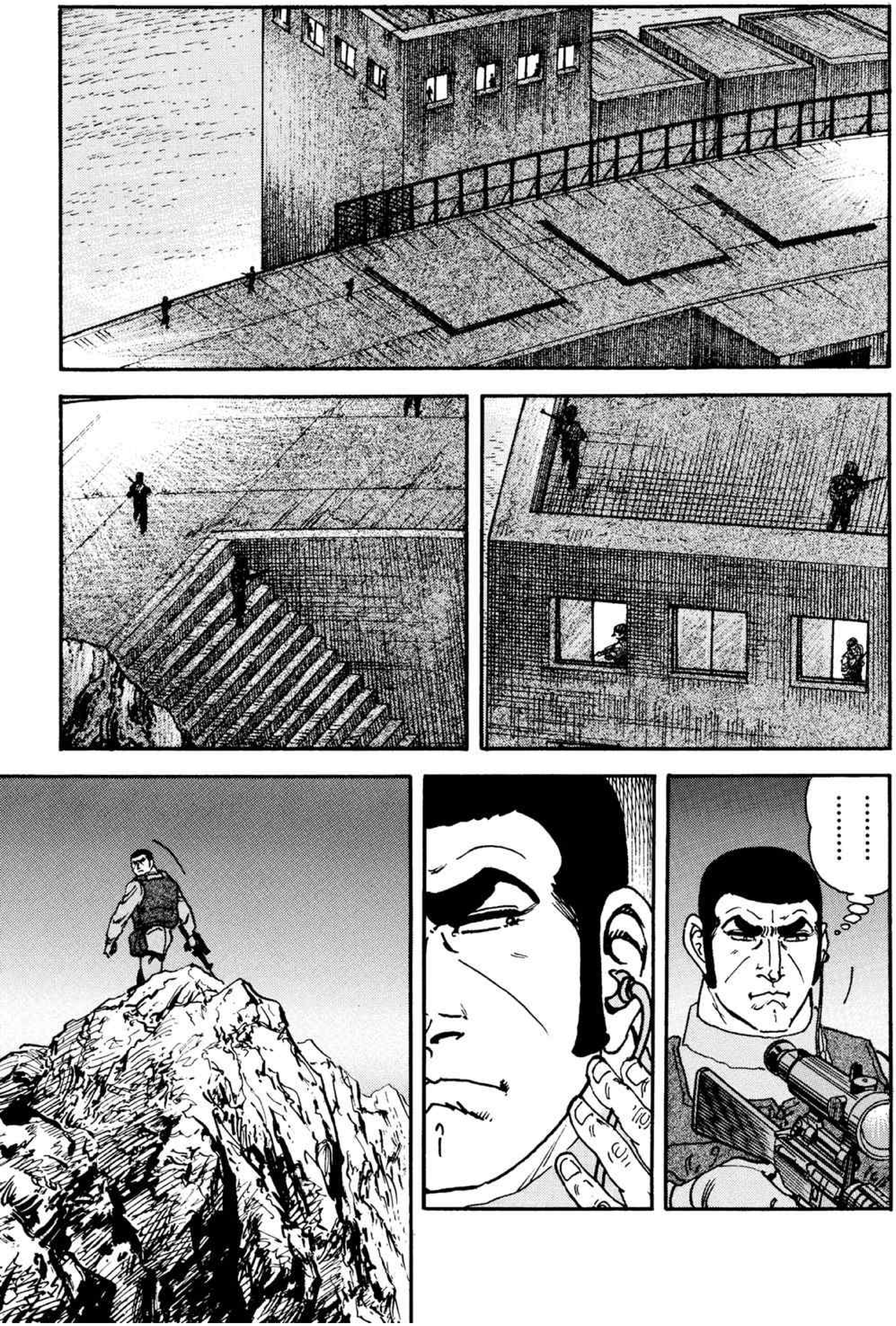

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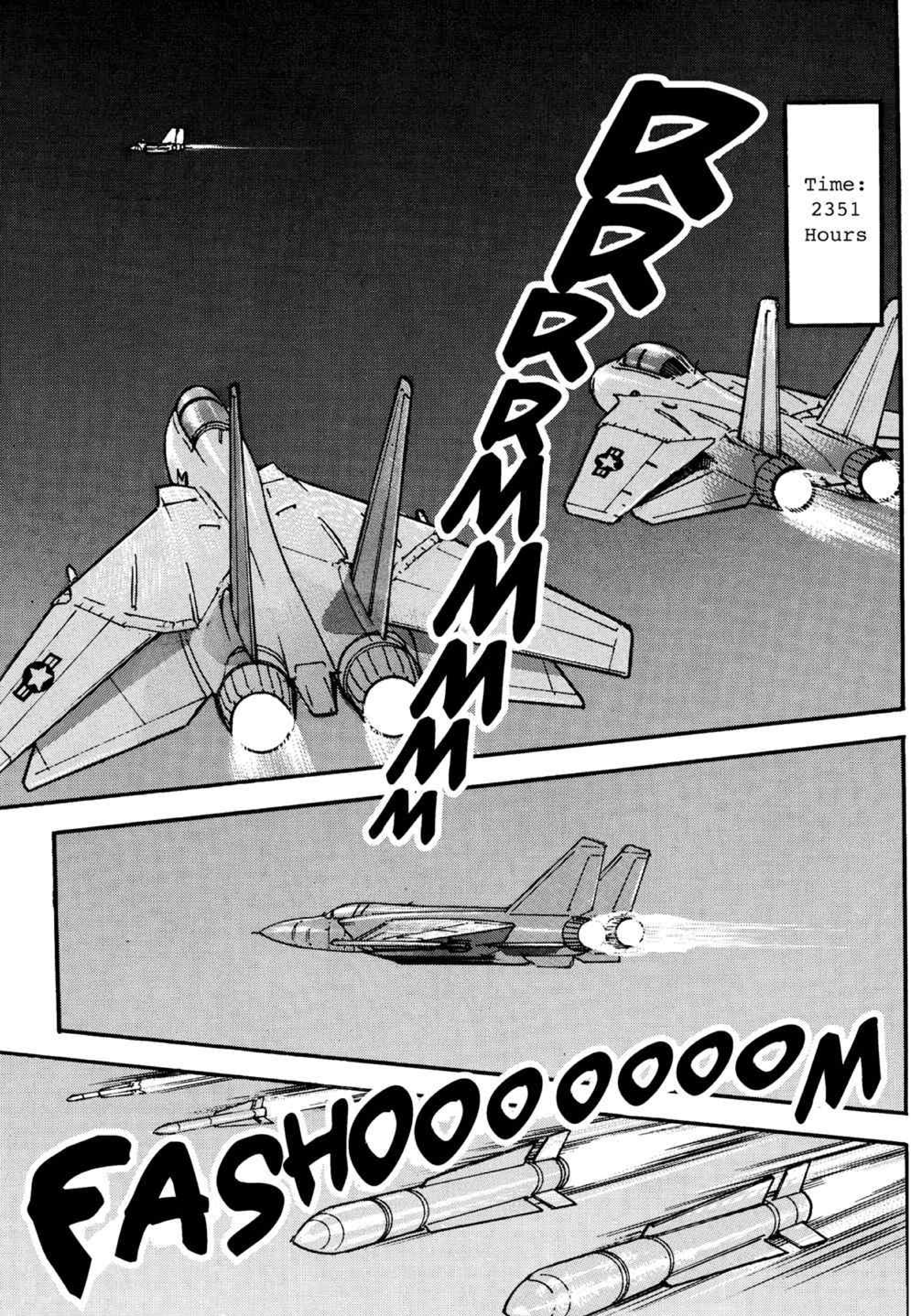
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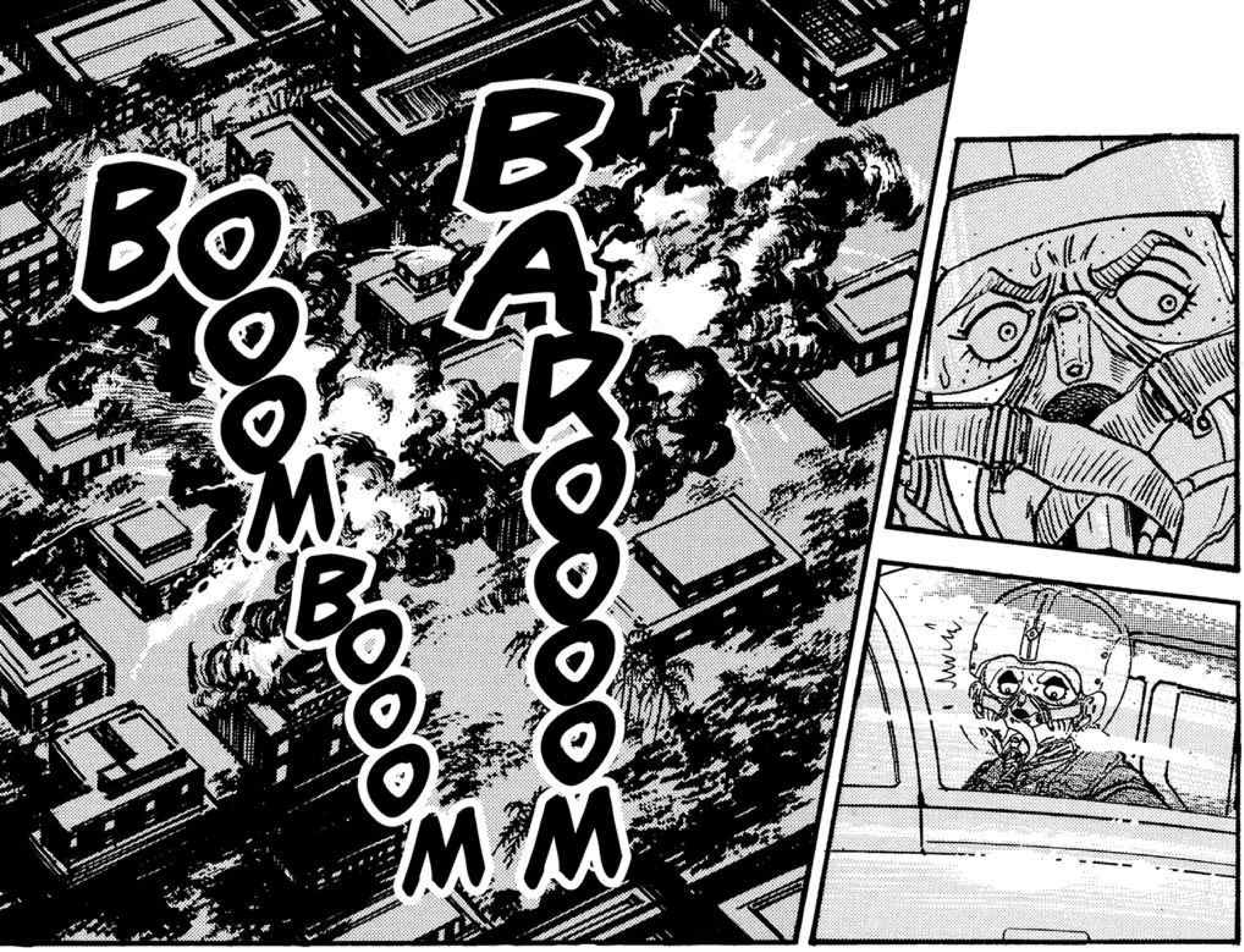
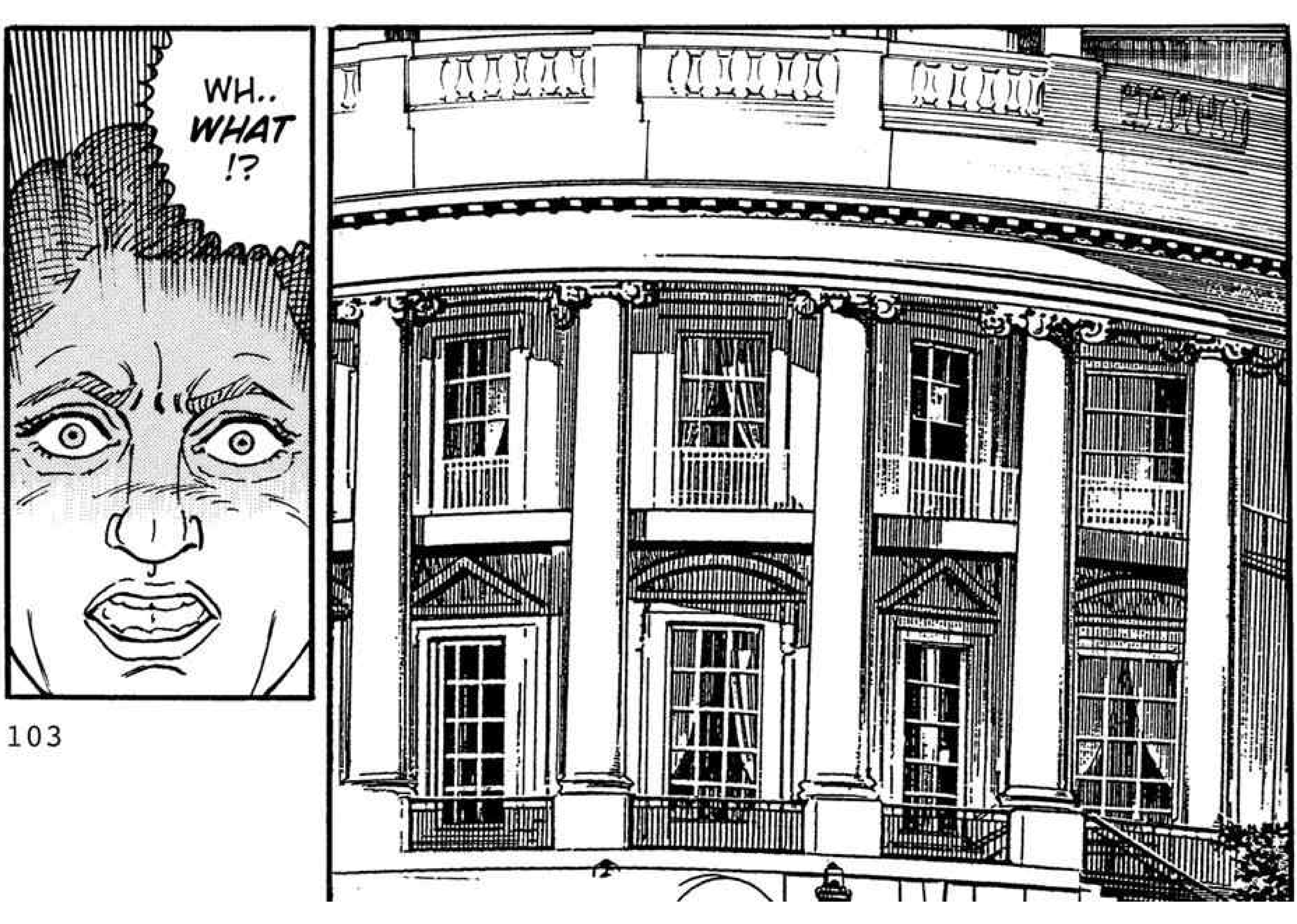
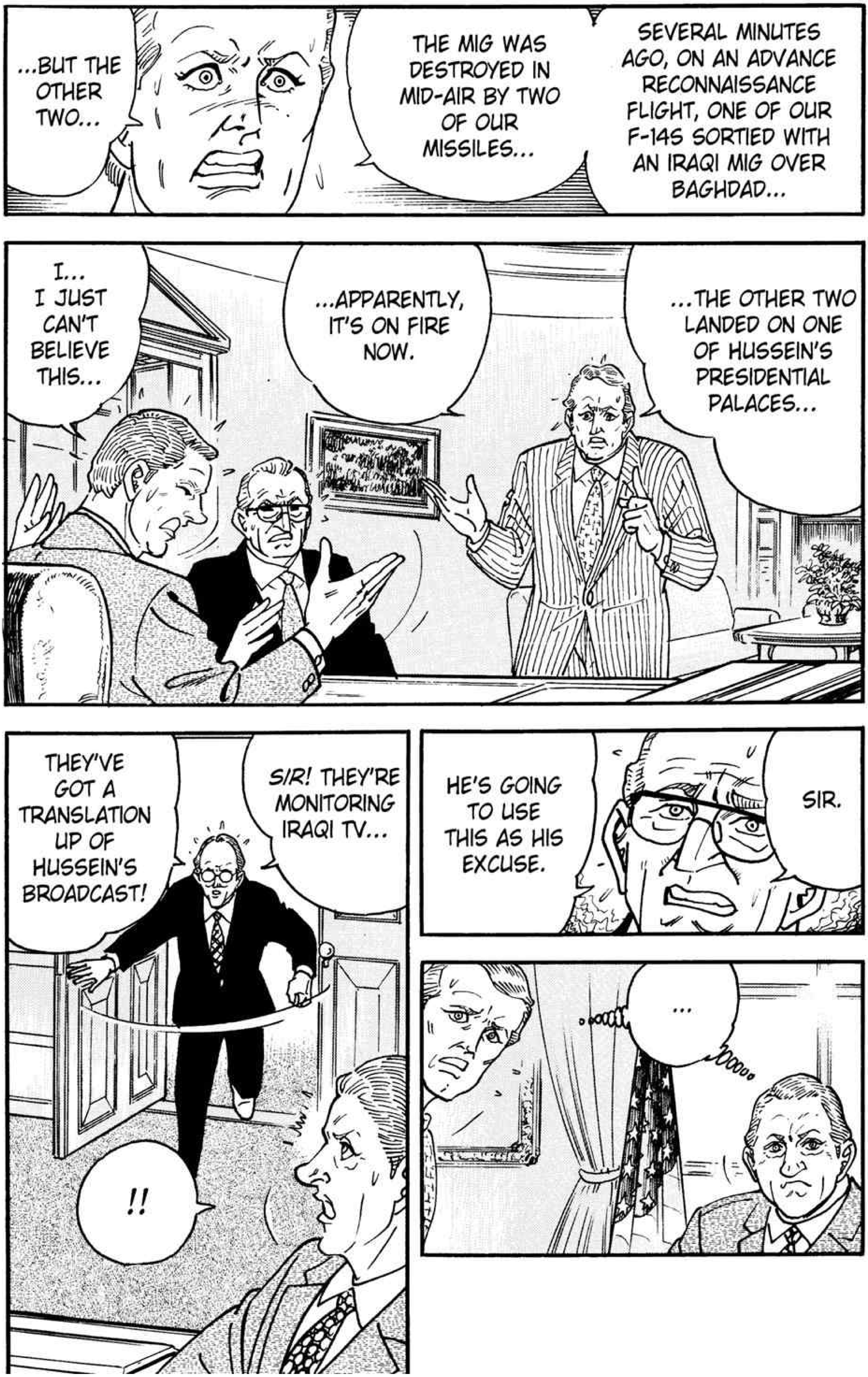
FASHOOOOOOOM

BAROOOOM
VREEEEEEE


BAROOOOOM
BOOOMBOOOM

PART 15 VENGEANCE WEAPON




SEVERAL MINUTES AGO, ON AN ADVANCE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT, ONE OF OUR F-14S SORTIED WITH AN IRAQI MIG OVER BAGHDAD...
THE MIG WAS DESTROYED IN MID-AIR BY TWO OF OUR MISSILES...
...BUT THE OTHER TWO...
...THE OTHER TWO LANDED ON ONE OF HUSSEIN'S PRESIDENTIAL PALACES...
...APPARENTLY, IT'S ON FIRE NOW.
I... I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
SIR.
HE'S GOING TO USE THIS AS HIS EXCUSE.
...
SIR! THEY'RE MONITORING IRAQI TV...
THEY'VE GOT A TRANSLATION UP OF HUSSEIN'S BROADCAST!
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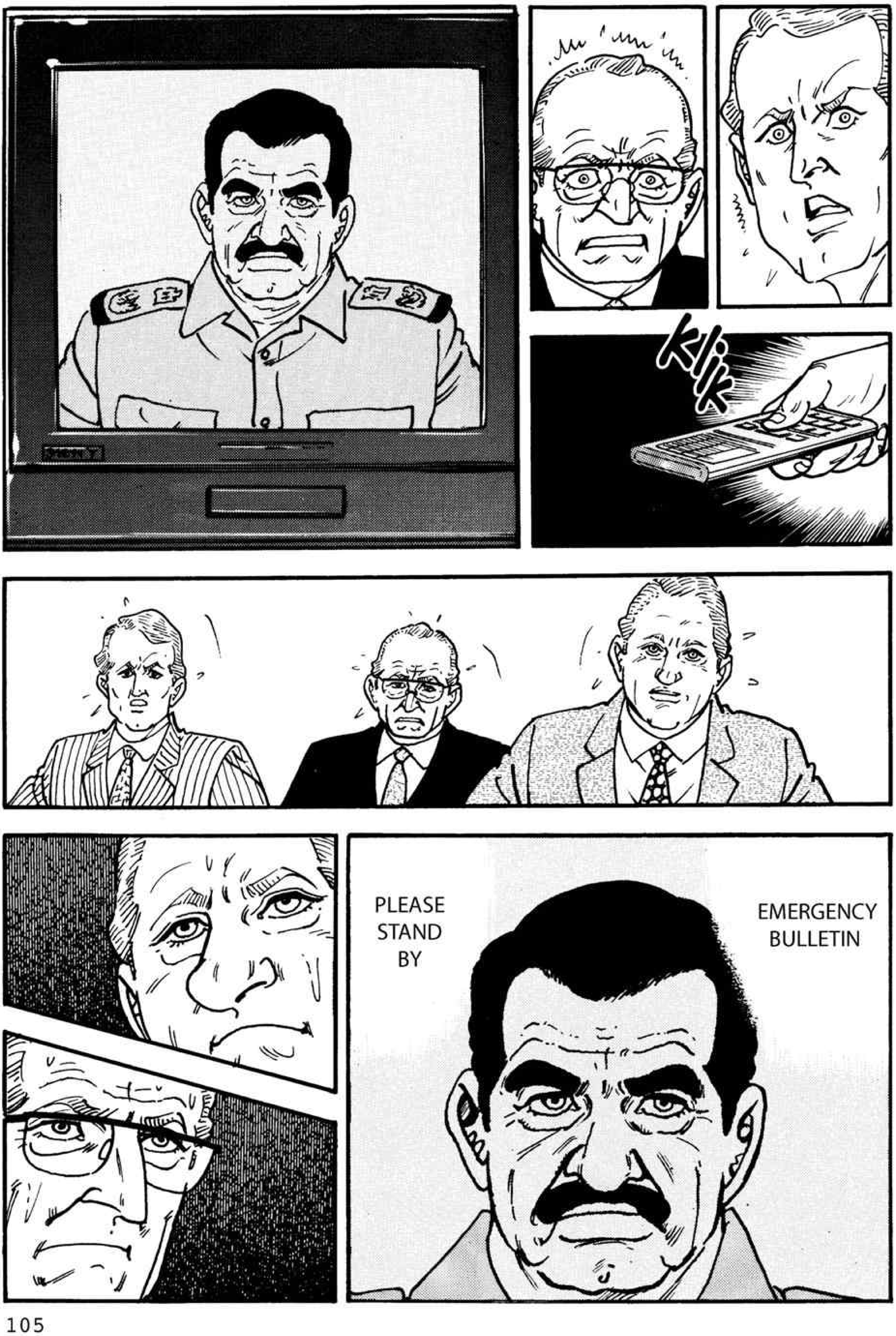
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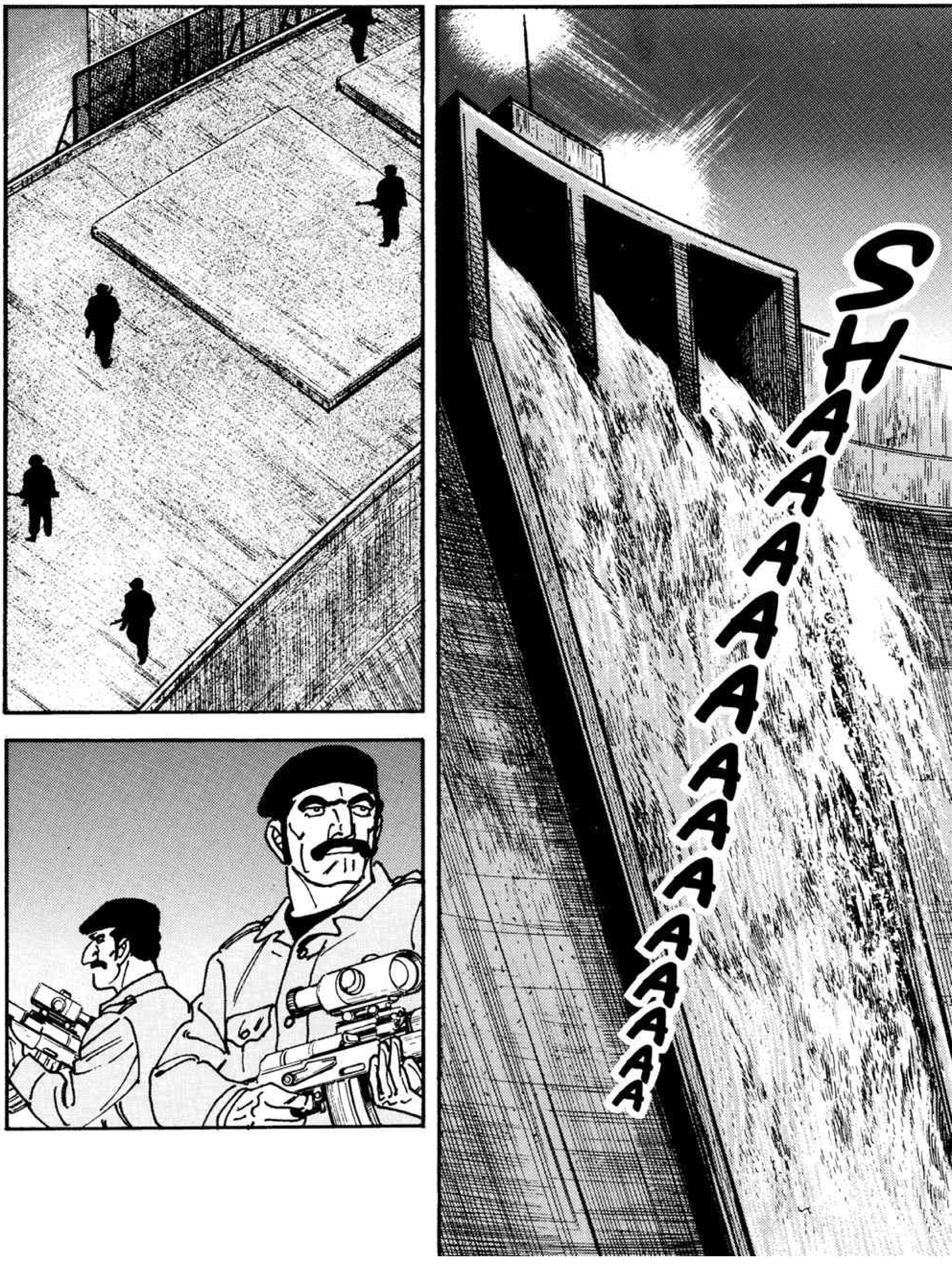
EMERGENCY BULLETIN
PLEASE STAND BY

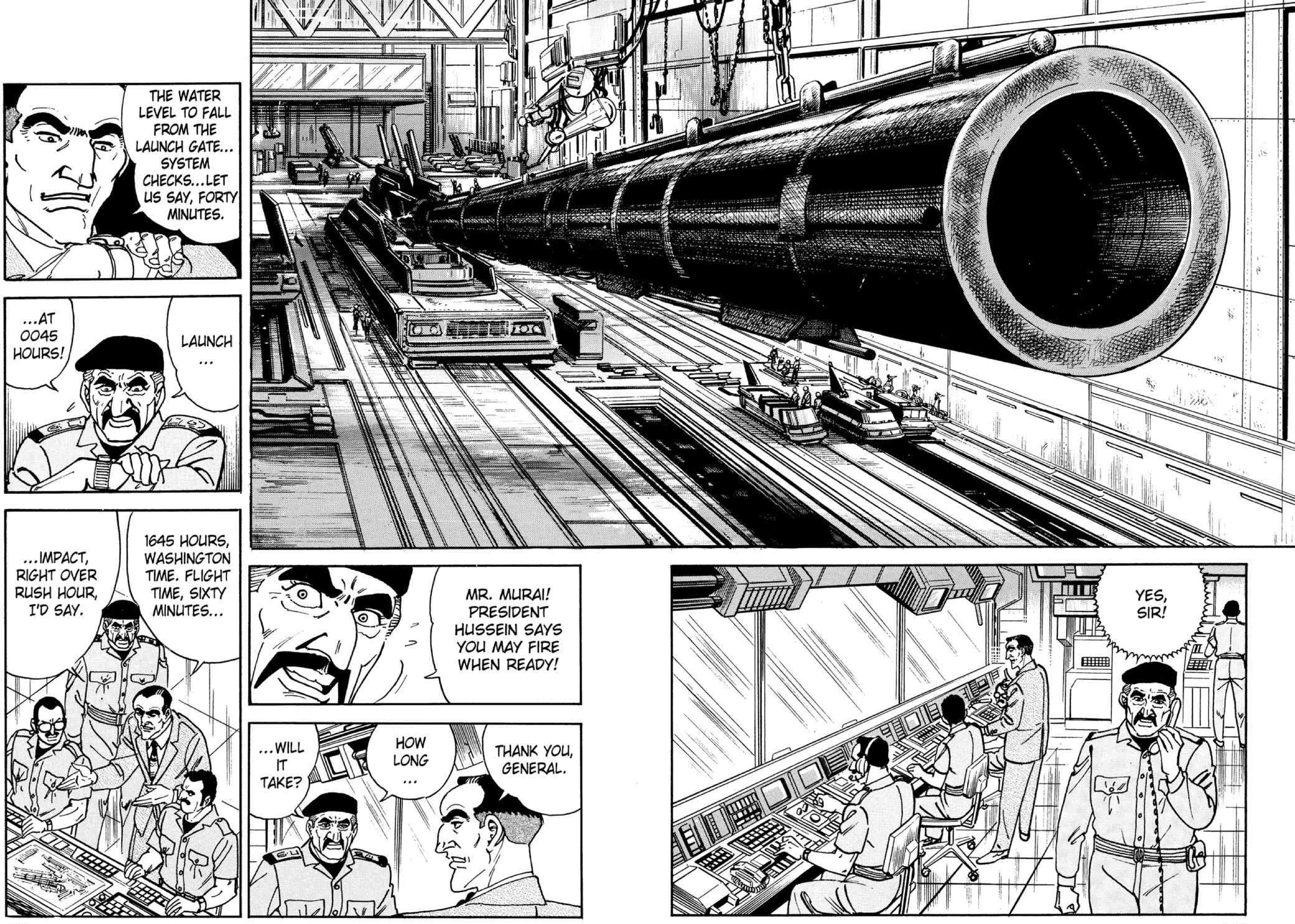
TO THE BRAVE IRAQI PEOPLE, GIRD YOURSELVES FOR BATTLE IN THE DEFENSE OF NATION…
…FOR THE DAY OF VENGEANCE IS AT HAND.
MOMENTS AGO, I GAVE THE ORDER…
SSSSSHHHHHH
--WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO DO, DO IT *NOW!*
S-SIR…
…WE ALREADY HAD INSTRUCTIONS.
…MONITOR THE NEWS…NO ACTION ON AM SHARA ***UNTIL WE STRIKE IN KURDISTAN…***
BUT…

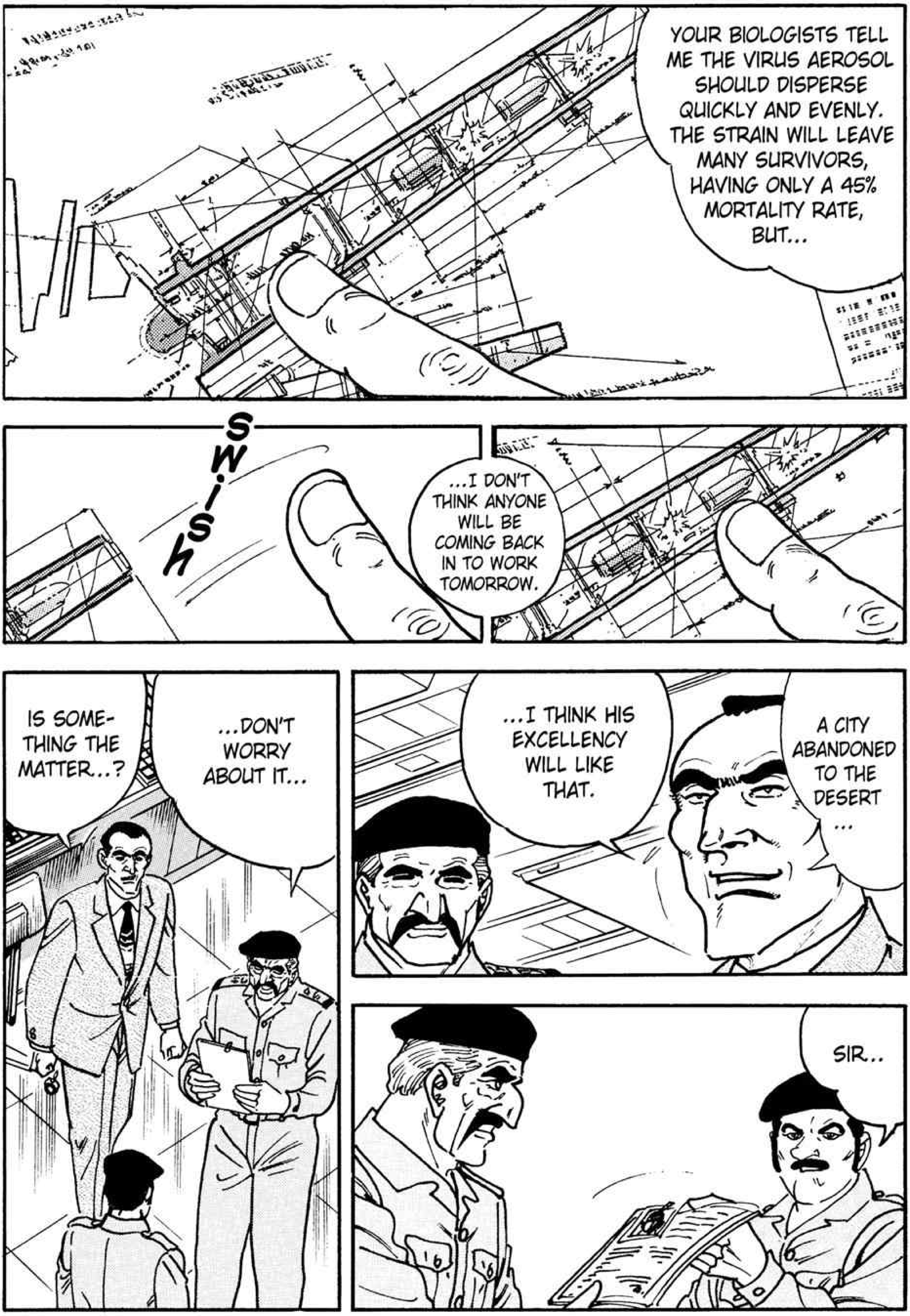
...THE TASK FORCE WON'T BE THERE FOR ANOTHER *HOUR!*
......
......
SIR...
GIVE THE ORDER. AS A PRECAUTION. EVACUATE D.C. IMMEDIATELY ...
"PRE-CAUTION?" MORE PEOPLE WILL DIE IN THE *PANIC...*
...THAN FROM THE *SHELL!*
...
IF HE'S ALREADY IN PLACE...*IF* HE REALIZES THE SUPERGUN'S ABOUT TO FIRE...THEN PERHAPS...
...

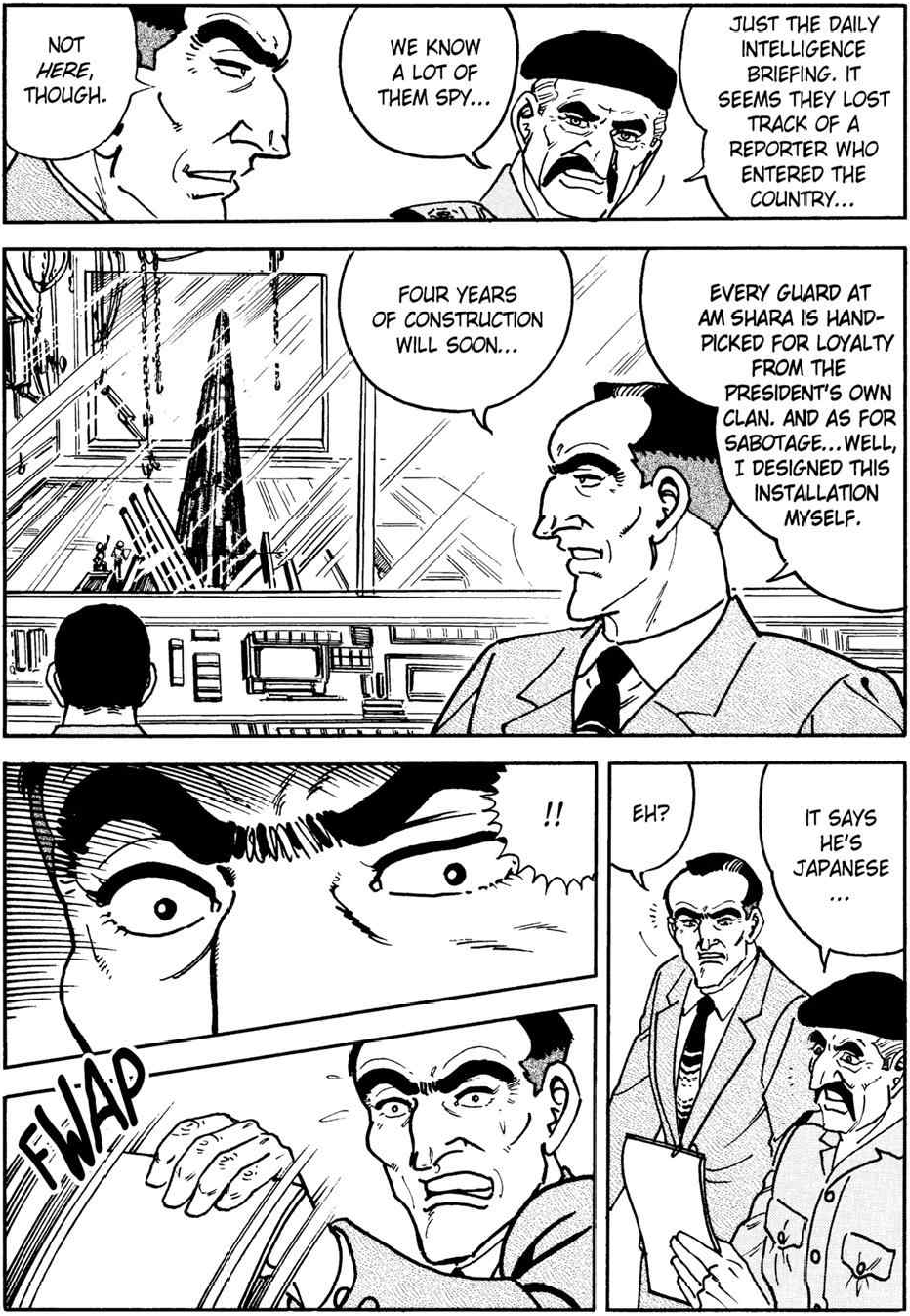
PART 16

COUNTDOWN


SHAAAAAAAAAAAAA


YES, SIR!
MR. MURAI! PRESIDENT HUSSEIN SAYS YOU MAY FIRE WHEN READY!
THANK YOU, GENERAL.
HOW LONG ...
...WILL IT TAKE?
THE WATER LEVEL TO FALL FROM THE LAUNCH GATE... SYSTEM CHECKS...LET US SAY, FORTY MINUTES.
LAUNCH ...
...AT 0045 HOURS!
1645 HOURS, WASHINGTON TIME. FLIGHT TIME, SIXTY MINUTES...
...IMPACT, RIGHT OVER RUSH HOUR, I'D SAY.


YOUR BIOLOGISTS TELL ME THE VIRUS AEROSOL SHOULD DISPERSE QUICKLY AND EVENLY. THE STRAIN WILL LEAVE MANY SURVIVORS, HAVING ONLY A 45% MORTALITY RATE, BUT...
SWISH
...I DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL BE COMING BACK IN TO WORK TOMORROW.
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER...?
...DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
...I THINK HIS EXCELLENCY WILL LIKE THAT.
A CITY ABANDONED TO THE DESERT...
SIR..


JUST THE DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING. IT SEEMS THEY LOST TRACK OF A REPORTER WHO ENTERED THE COUNTRY...
WE KNOW A LOT OF THEM SPY...
NOT *HERE*, THOUGH.
EVERY GUARD AT AM SHARA IS HANDPICKED FOR LOYALTY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OWN CLAN. AND AS FOR SABOTAGE...WELL, I DESIGNED THIS INSTALLATION MYSELF.
FOUR YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION WILL SOON...
IT SAYS HE'S JAPANESE...
EH?
!!
FWAP

......
WHAT...DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW HIM...?
N..NO...
HE JUST... REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE...
FORGIVE ME, BUT I *ALSO* HAVE TROUBLE TELLING JAPANESE APART!
EH-HEH...
...
I..I SAW HIS PICTURE ONCE IN A SECURITY JOURNAL...
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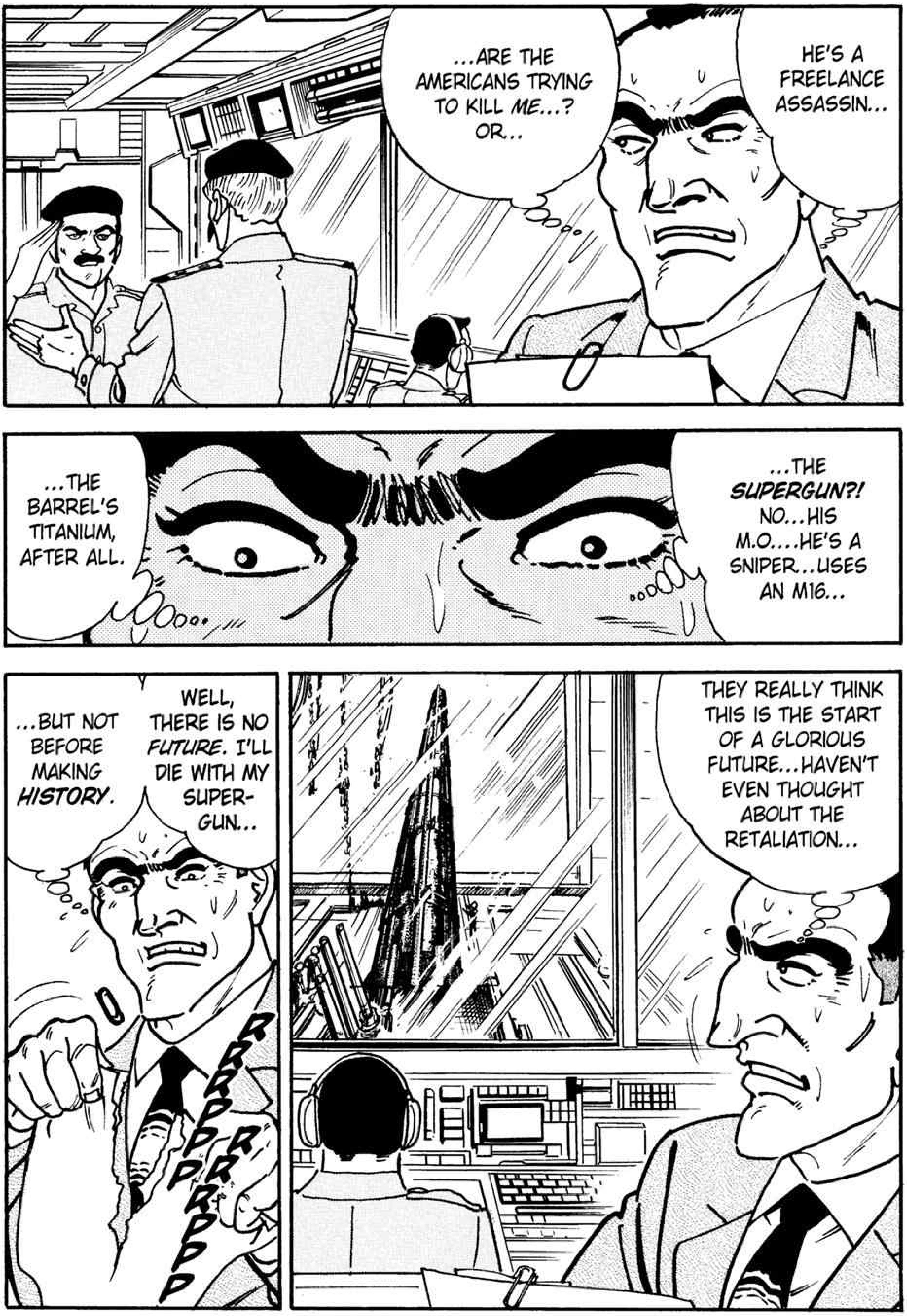
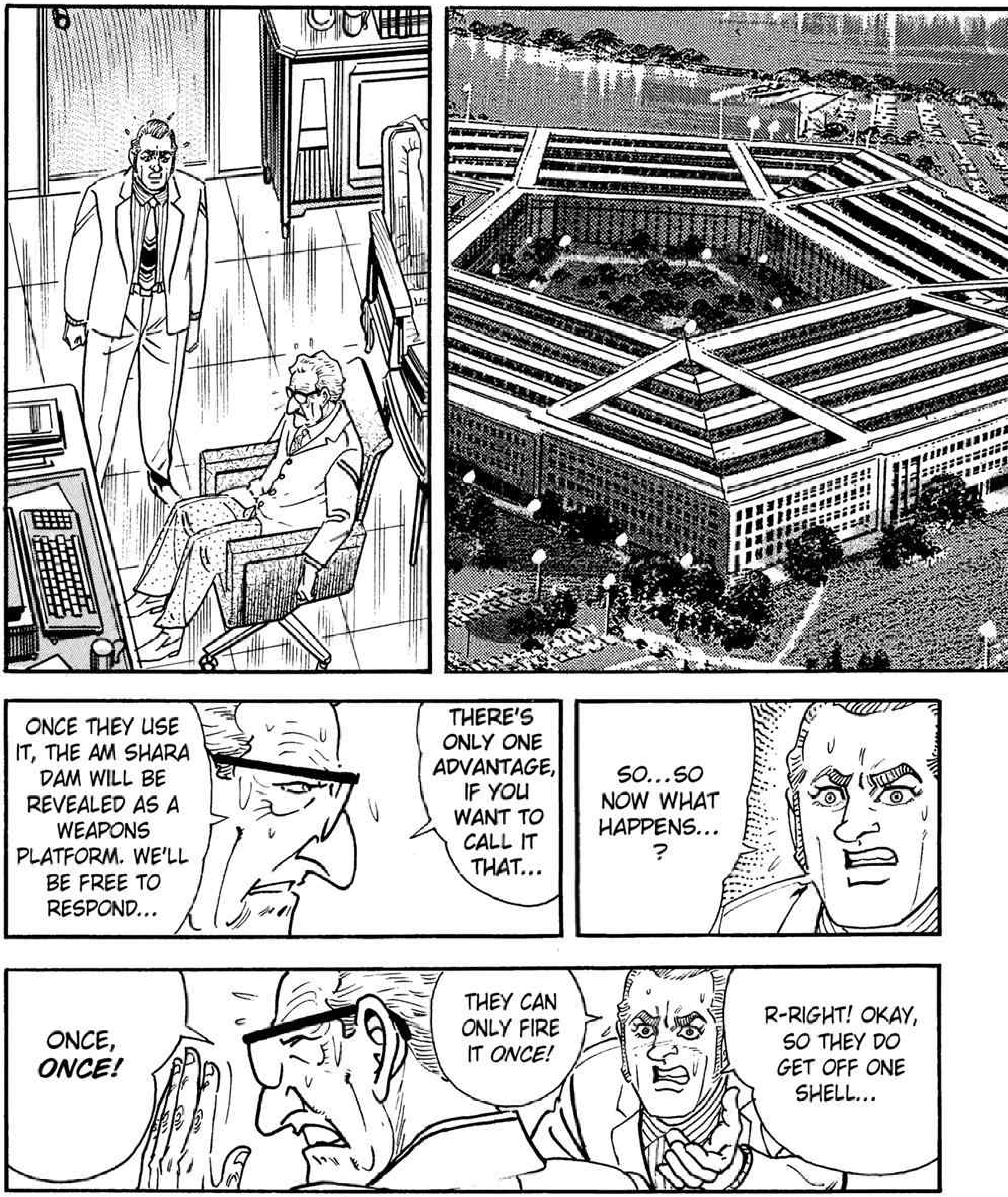

HE'S A FREELANCE ASSASSIN...
...ARE THE AMERICANS TRYING TO KILL *ME*...? OR..
...THE ***SUPERGUN?!*** NO...HIS M.O....HE'S A SNIPER...USES AN M16...
...THE BARREL'S TITANIUM, AFTER ALL.
THEY REALLY THINK THIS IS THE START OF A GLORIOUS FUTURE...HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THE RETALIATION...
WELL, THERE IS NO ***FUTURE***. I'LL DIE WITH MY SUPERGUN...
...BUT NOT BEFORE MAKING ***HISTORY***.
RRRPPPPP RRRPPPP

PART 17 SUPERGUN


ONCE THEY USE IT, THE AM SHARA DAM WILL BE REVEALED AS A WEAPONS PLATFORM. WE'LL BE FREE TO RESPOND...
THERE'S ONLY ONE ADVANTAGE, IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT THAT...
SO...SO NOW WHAT HAPPENS...?
ONCE, *ONCE!*
THEY CAN ONLY FIRE IT *ONCE!*
R-RIGHT! OKAY, SO THEY DO GET OFF ONE SHELL...

……
EVEN AN ORDINARY SHELL AT THAT SPEED IS ENOUGH TO LEVEL A SKYSCRAPER. WHAT IF IT'S GERMS, OR GAS, IN THAT THING?
I'M AN OLD MAN, FRANCIS…I'M A *WEAPONS SCIENTIST*. GOD HELP ME, I UNDERSTAND MURAI. HE DOESN'T LUST FOR BLOOD, OR POWER.. HE JUST HAS THIS AWFUL PURITY.
ALL HE *NEEDS* IS ONE SHOT.
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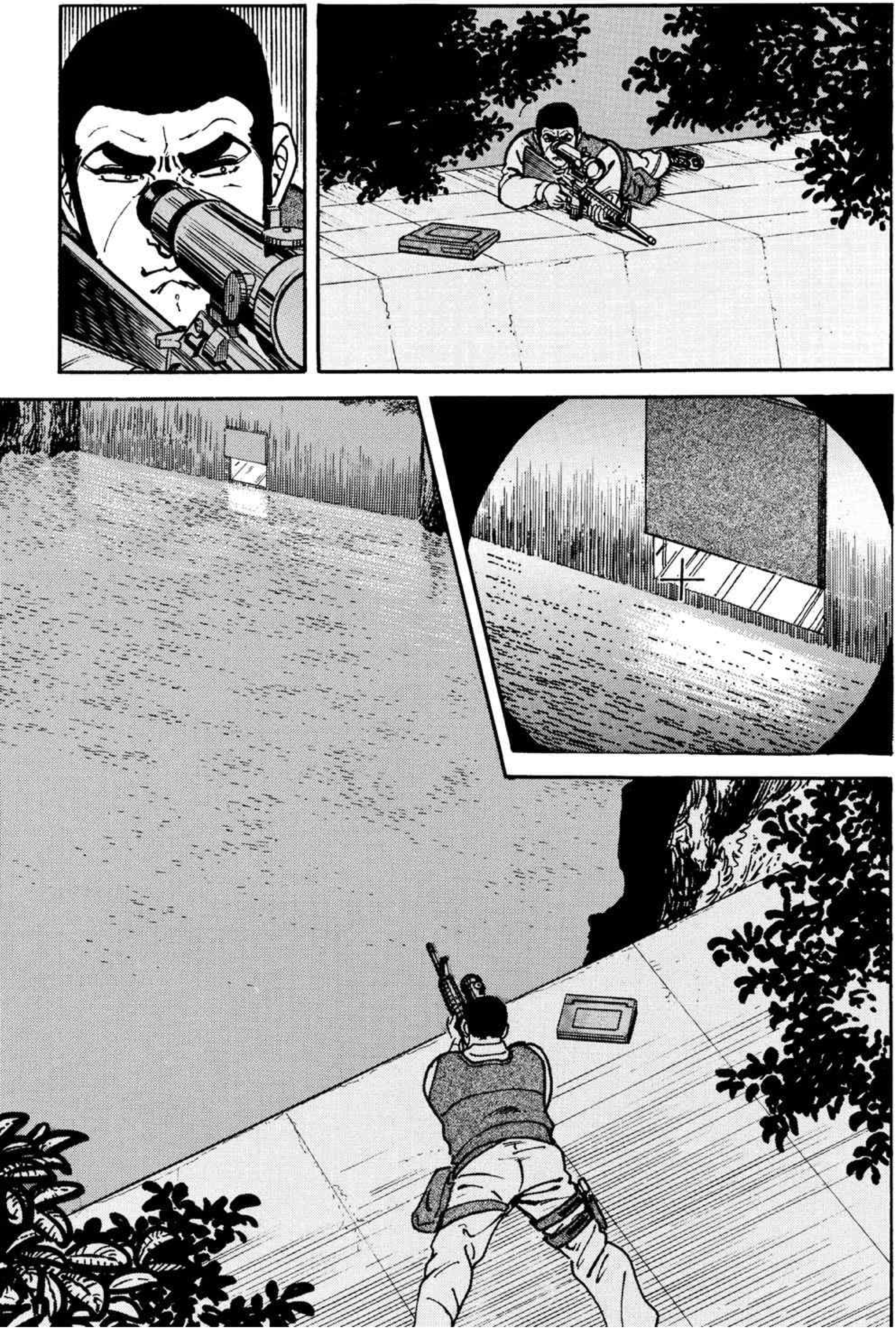
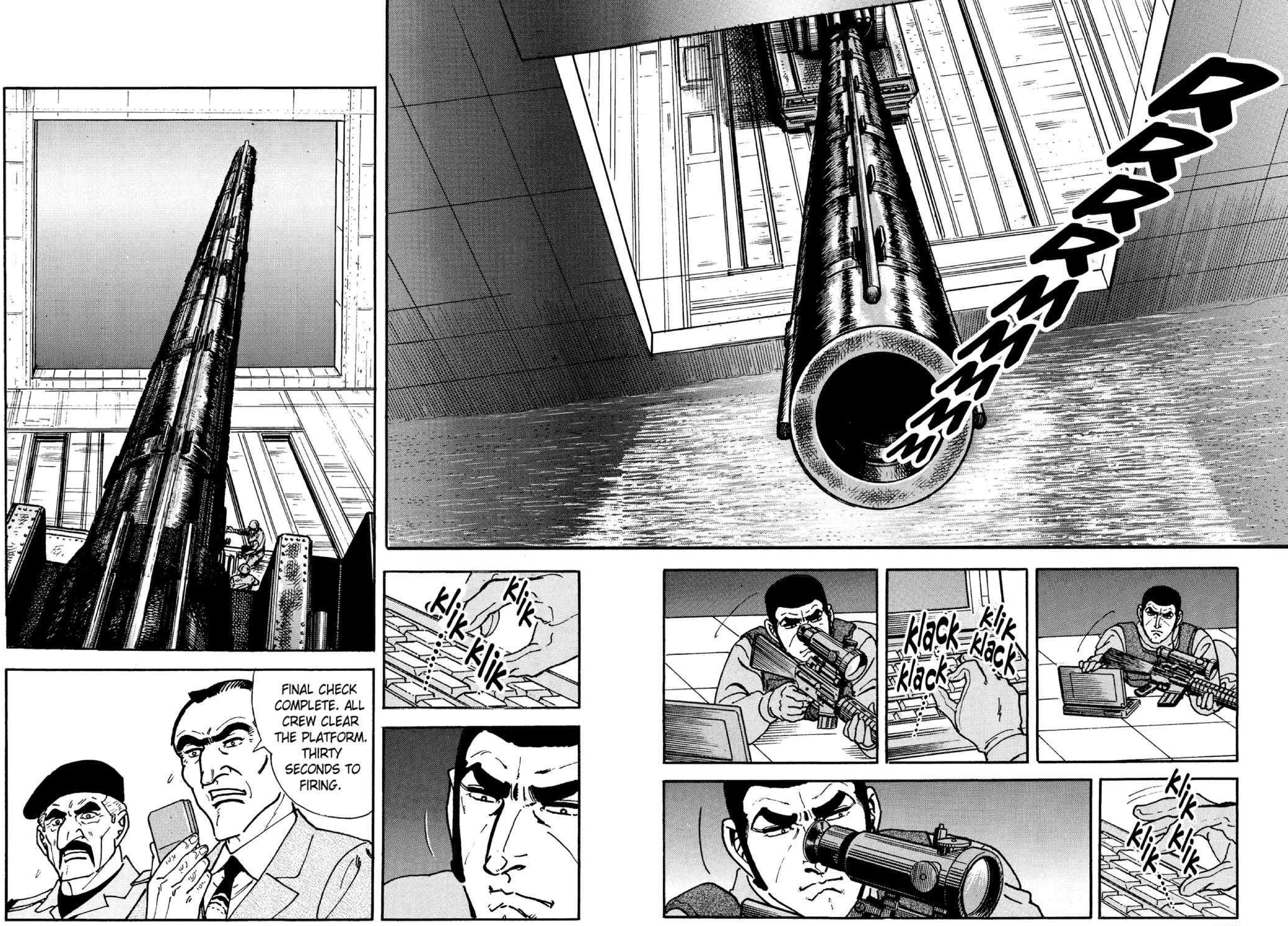
WITH WHAT VENGEANCE WEAPON…?
WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE WILL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND TO A SURPRISE ATTACK…HOW WILL THIS WAR END…?
…

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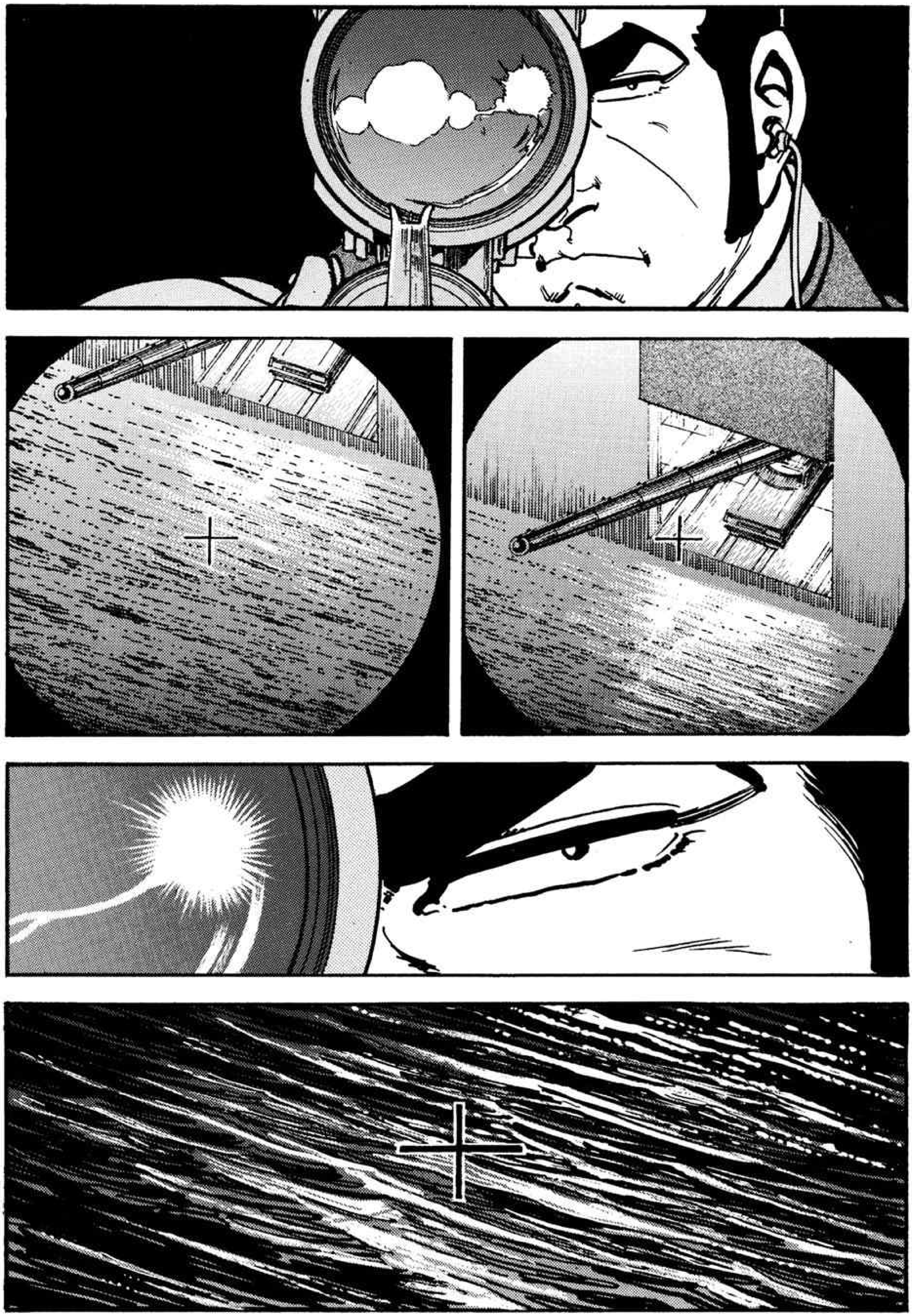
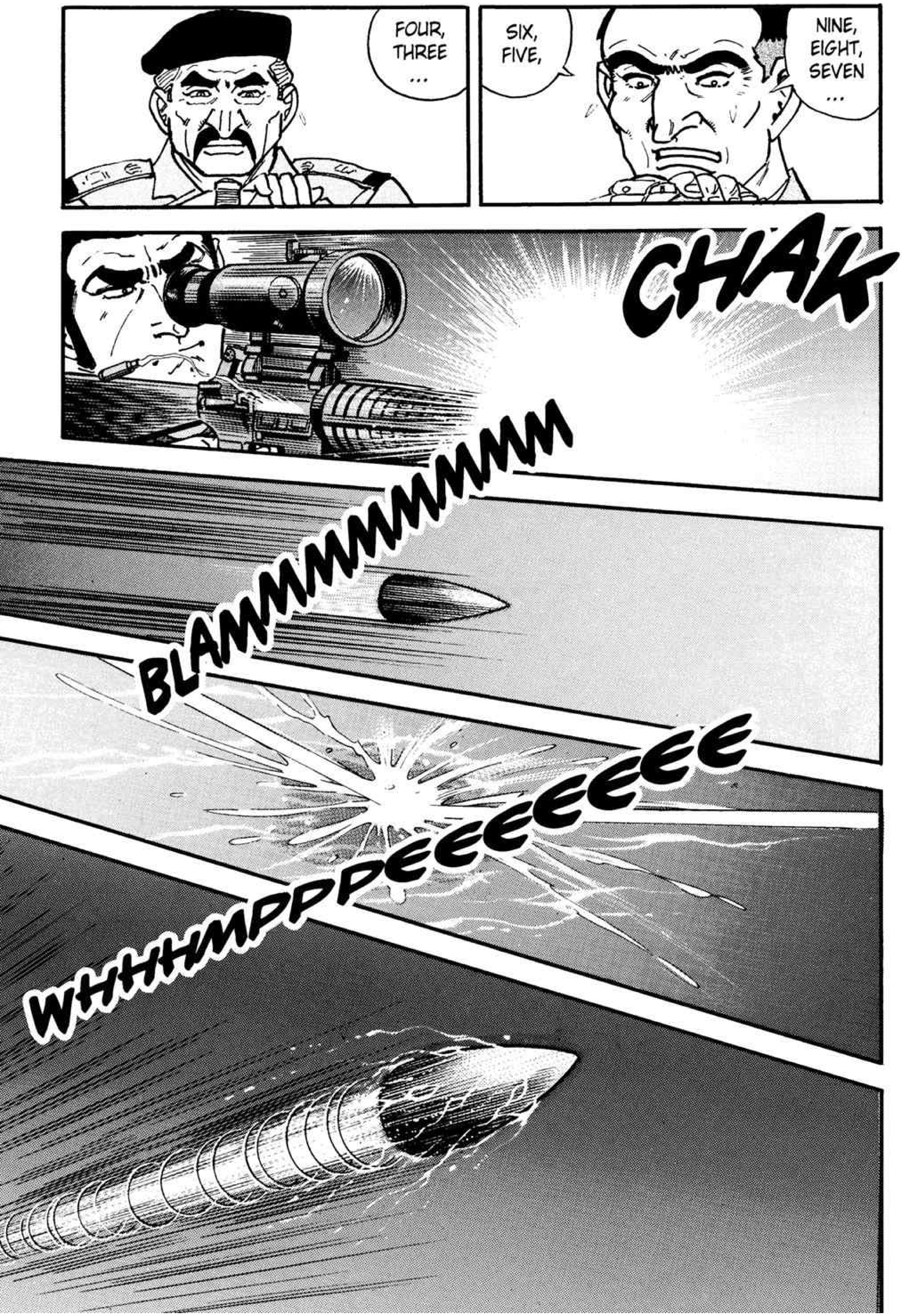
FINAL CHECK COMPLETE. ALL CREW CLEAR THE PLATFORM. THIRTY SECONDS TO FIRING.



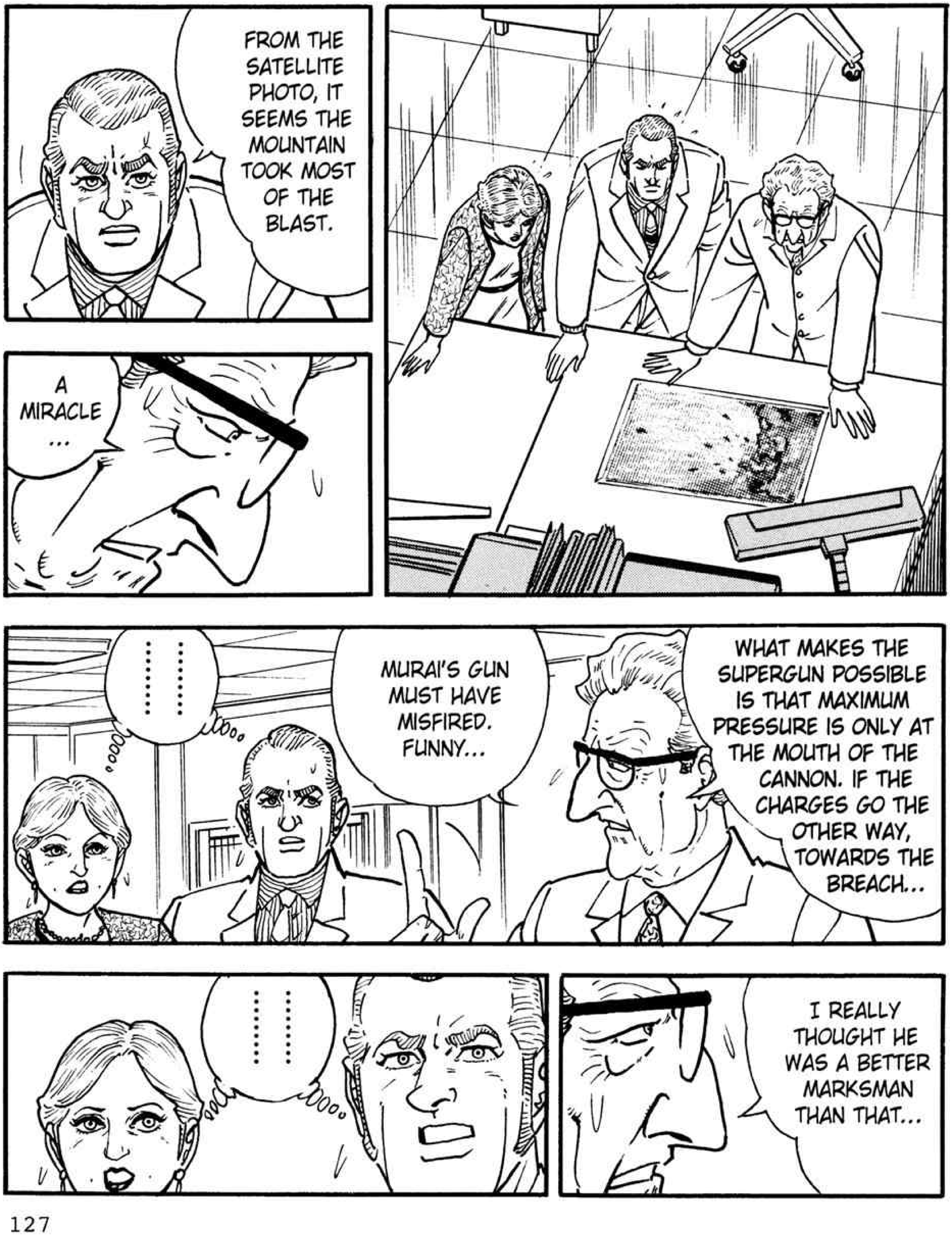

NINE, EIGHT, SEVEN ...
SIX, FIVE,
FOUR, THREE ...
CHAK
BLAMMMMMMMMMM
WHHHMPPPEEEEEEEE

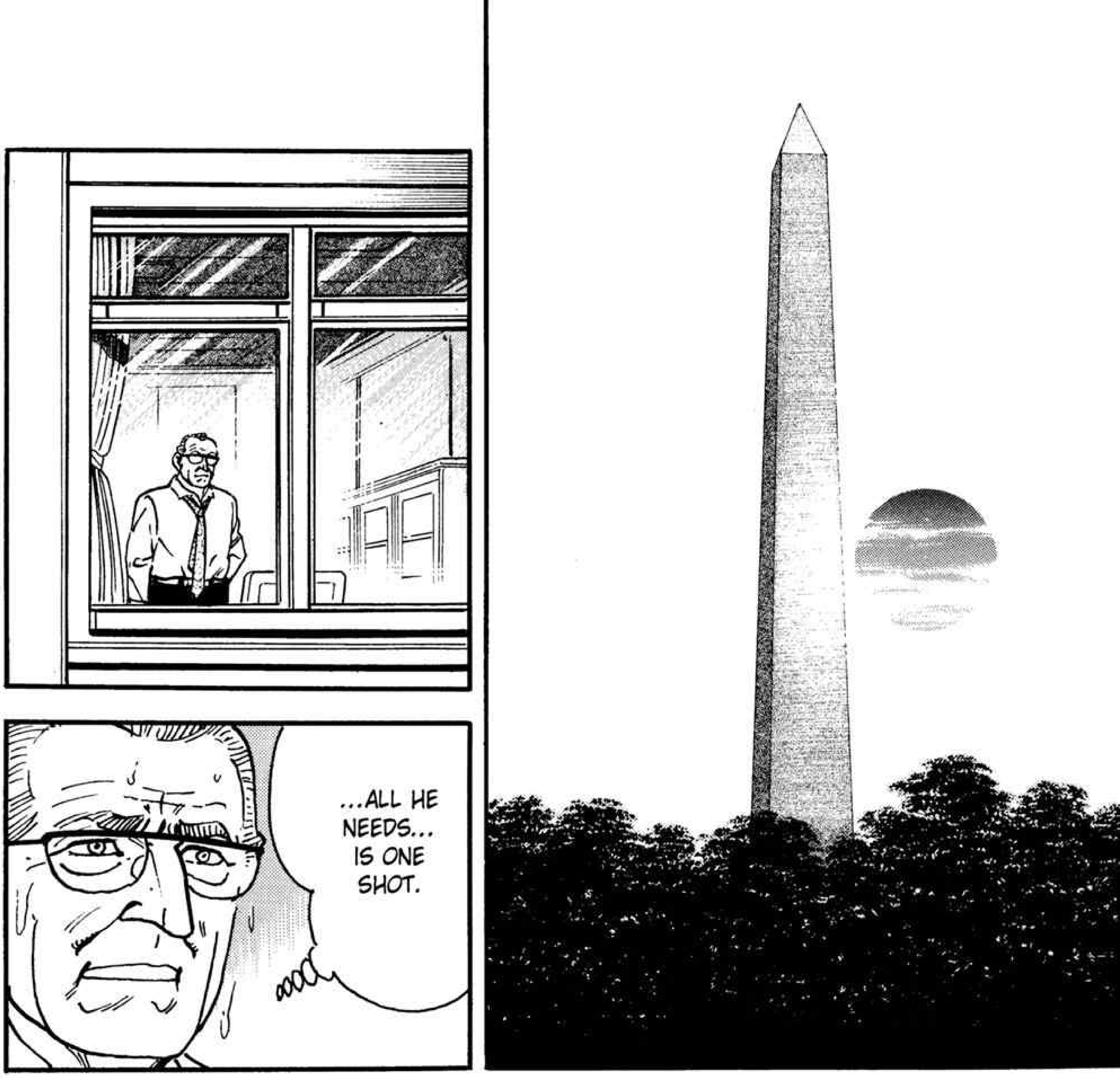
KTTTNNGG
FIRE.
BZZZT
BZZZZZZT

WHRRMM WHRRMM
WHRRMM WHRRRRMMMMM
!?
WH... WHAT'S WRONG !?
WHY DIDN'T IT FIRE?
ELECTRICAL SHORT...IT'S REROUTING...
FIRING SEQUENCE BACK ONLINE... THE LATERAL CHARGES...
IN *REVERSE!* ***IT'S FIRING IN REVERSE ORDER--***
WHAT DOES--

BAROOOOOMMM

PART 18 UNKNOWN OPTION


FROM THE SATELLITE PHOTO, IT SEEMS THE MOUNTAIN TOOK MOST OF THE BLAST.
A MIRACLE ...
......
MURAI'S GUN MUST HAVE MISFIRED. FUNNY...
WHAT MAKES THE SUPERGUN POSSIBLE IS THAT MAXIMUM PRESSURE IS ONLY AT THE MOUTH OF THE CANNON. IF THE CHARGES GO THE OTHER WAY, TOWARDS THE BREACH...
......
I REALLY THOUGHT HE WAS A BETTER MARKSMAN THAN THAT...


...ALL HE NEEDS... IS ONE SHOT.

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